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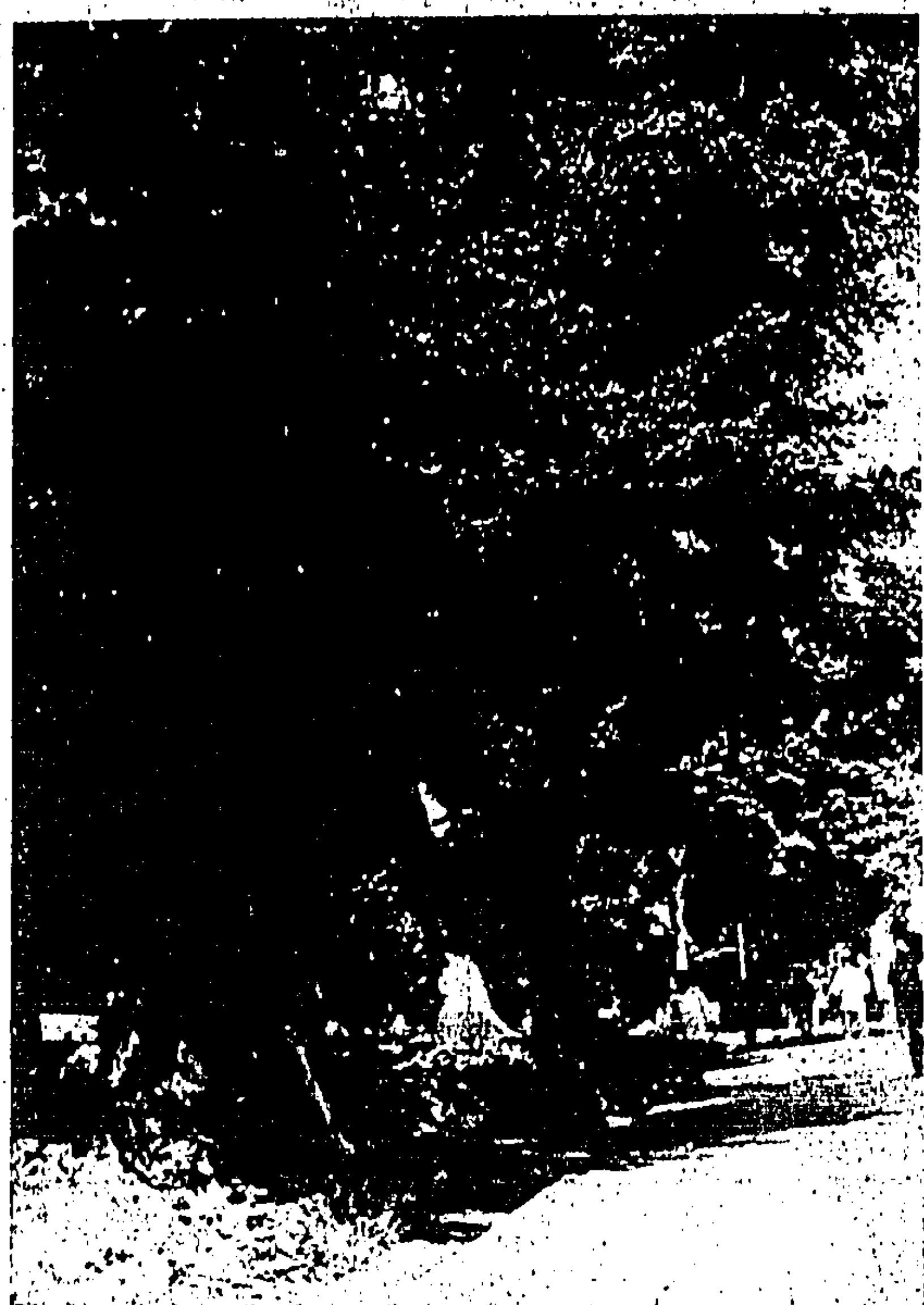
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BARCELONA DOOMED

IGUALADA FALLS IN FRANCO NIGHT ATTACK

Salamanca, Yesterday.

EARLY FALL OF BARCELONA

IS CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED

The big industrial town of Igualada, regarded as the key to Barcelona, has fallen into the hands of General Franco after the battle for its possession had lasted for over twenty hours.

Desperate resistance was offered by the Republican troops, who fought with ferocity and ruthlessness until the very last. News of capture of the town was made known here in the early hours to-day and has again raised hopes of a speedy victory for the Nationalists.

According to first accounts, the battle was fought out in the immediate neighbourhood of the town.

All roads leading to the town had been completely torn up. This work had been carried out in an expert manner by the Asturian dynamiters battalion.

NIGHT ATTACK

All day the Nationalist artillery kept up an incessant bombardment, but in view of the position created by the demolished roads, and by the further progress of the two flanks, the order for a frontal onslaught was not given until a late hour at night.

Darkness was then suddenly converted into a fiery glow as the Nationalist forces proceeded to take the town by storm. Advancing tanks broke down the resistance of the defenders, who were composed of Republican crack troops, including the Lister Brigade, and suffered exceedingly heavy casualties.

Entry of General Franco's troops into the town took place between two and three in the morning.

VENDRELL'S FALL

After occupying the town, Nationalist detachments immediately gained possession of the heights to the north and east. The loyalists are retreating in the direction of Villa Franca,

which lies only forty-five kilometres from Barcelona. Meanwhile Moorish troops (Continued on Page 24)

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DR. SCHACHT SECRET

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Two Others In Reichsbank Sacked

Berlin, Yesterday.

Plans for tremendous intensification of the rearmament programme are believed, in well-informed quarters here, to explain the retirement of Dr. Schacht.

According to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" conflict developed in the Nazi Cabinet concerning the financing of the programme, and Dr. Schacht is reported to have declared his opinion that it was impossible of attainment by orthodox finance.

Herr Hitler was opposed to further increases in taxation in view of the disquiet occasioned by the existing heavy tax burden, whereupon Dr. Schacht asked to be relieved of responsibility.

Two more officials of the Reichsbank have been dismissed following the removal of the President, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht.

They are the Vice-President and one of the directors, who have been relieved of their posts.

An article in the "National Zeitung" this morning declares: "One of the reasons for Dr. Schacht's removal is that he did not always agree to the Government's demands on the Reichsbank."

The Nazi journal adds that by the appointment of Dr. Funk as Reichsbank President, the unreserved support of the bank for carrying out the economic tasks of the Government is guaranteed in future.

This Nazi principle, says the newspaper, will in future be the guiding line for the Reichsbank.

The dismissed Reichsbank officials are Dr. Dreyse and Herr Huerse.

Herr Rudolf Brinkmann, of the Ministry of Economics, succeeds Dr. Dreyse.—Reuter.

Totalitarian Economy

Berlin, Yesterday.

That Germany has now definitely committed itself to an economic

policy based on the totalitarianism of National Socialism is the interpretation put by the German press on the decision of the German Government to replace Dr. Schacht in control of the affairs of the Reichsbank by Dr. Walther Funk, Minister for Economics.

It is pointed out that this political doctrine does not admit of division of control in the conduct of state finances and economics.

The "Voelkische Beobachter" admits of a division of control in the conduct of finances, and points out that by combining the two offices of Minister for Economics and Reichsbank President, Germany will be placed in a better position in pursuit of its economic objectives.

At a time when in the face of the existing shortage of labour it is required to increase the output capacity of fully-occupied industry, it becomes necessary to merge the financial and economic forces.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" denies that the German Government has decided to alter its economic policy whose main aim will continue to be maintenance of the value of the German reichsmark at home and abroad.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN NOTE ON NEW NAVAL PROGRAMME

London, Yesterday.

The British Government has received the German reply to its request for clarification of Germany's notification of her intention to build submarines to parity with Britain.

The German Note is at present under examination in London.

It is understood the Note explains the German reasons for exercising full rights under the Anglo-German Naval Agreement.—Reuter.



Young refugees tucking in at the King's Park camp yesterday.

THREE MILLION POUNDS LOAN TO CHINA

London, Yesterday.

Arrangements are nearly complete for granting a £3,000,000 loan by the British Government for the supporting of the Chinese currency and stabilising the exchange, according to the city editor of the "Daily Herald."

Reuter learns that the question of financial assistance to China is being carefully considered.

Official British circles do not deny the "Daily Herald" story but are unable to give any further information at present.—Reuter.

JAPS. ARREST TIENTSIN WOMAN DOCTOR

TIENTSIN, YESTERDAY.
DR. MARY MI-TING, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PEI-YANG WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, WAS ARRESTED AT THE HOSPITAL ABOUT A WEEK AGO. IT WAS REVEALED TO-DAY.

Reason for the arrest is unknown here, and nobody is permitted to see her.

A Chungking message yesterday stated that Dr. Mi-ting had been arrested because she refused to let her doctors and nurses leave their patients to join a parade in the city.

Dr. Mi-ting received her degree at the University of Michigan, and was prominent in social work in Tientsin. She has many friends in the United States.—Reuter.

BERLIN REFUGEE TALKS TO GO ON

Berlin, Yesterday.

It is officially stated that the conversations between Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, dismissed Reichsbank President, and Mr. George Rublee, head of the Evian refugee committee, will be continued, and it is incorrect to say that they have been broken off.

It had been expected that the talks, which concern Jewish refugees from Germany, would end after Dr. Schacht's dismissal.—Reuter.

I.R.A. CHIEF DENIES PLOT AT TRALEE

London, Yesterday.

Mr. Sean Russell, prominent member of the Irish Republican Army, has issued a statement in connection with the bomb outrage in Tralee, alleged to have been an attempt to assassinate Mr. Frank Chamberlain, son of the British Prime Minister.

Headquarters of the Irish Republican Army, declared Mr. Ireland.—Trans-Ocean.

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Mrs. Kay Petrie Badly Injured

Lyons, Yesterday.

Mrs. Kay Petrie was injured and her companion, Major R. C. Empson, another well-known British racing motorist, killed when their car collided with a motor-lorry at Aberieu, near Villefrance to-day.

They were following competitors in the Monte Carlo Rally report on the event for a London newspaper.

Mrs. Petrie suffered head injuries and was taken to a clinic, where a trepanning operation was performed.

Doctors do not consider her life is in danger. This Mrs. Petrie's second serious motoring accident, the previous one being last year at Berne, when she crashed at high speed and narrowly escaped with her life.

Major Empson was an Australian.—Reuter.

KING FAROUK'S LEADERSHIP OF ISLAM

Cairo, Yesterday.

No King since the Caliphate done what youthful King Farouk did this morning, when he was cheered by the congregation at the Quoson Mosque, Calif of Islam after having taken the place of the Imam and leading prayers.

The King's action is applauded Arab circles, which feel the necessity for a concerted effort to Islam.

It is generally felt that he should take the leadership of united Arab front, and King Farouk's action is taken as a sign that he is willing to assume leadership.

From the attitude of the King at this morning's prayer, King Farouk would be acclaimed as a popular leader.—Reuter.

Russell, had nothing to do with the Tralee affair, having neither ordered nor authorized it. Mr. Russell was one of the men who signed the Republic Army proclamation posted in all parts of Ireland ten days ago. It called upon the people to assist in driving British troops out of north Ireland.—Trans-Ocean.



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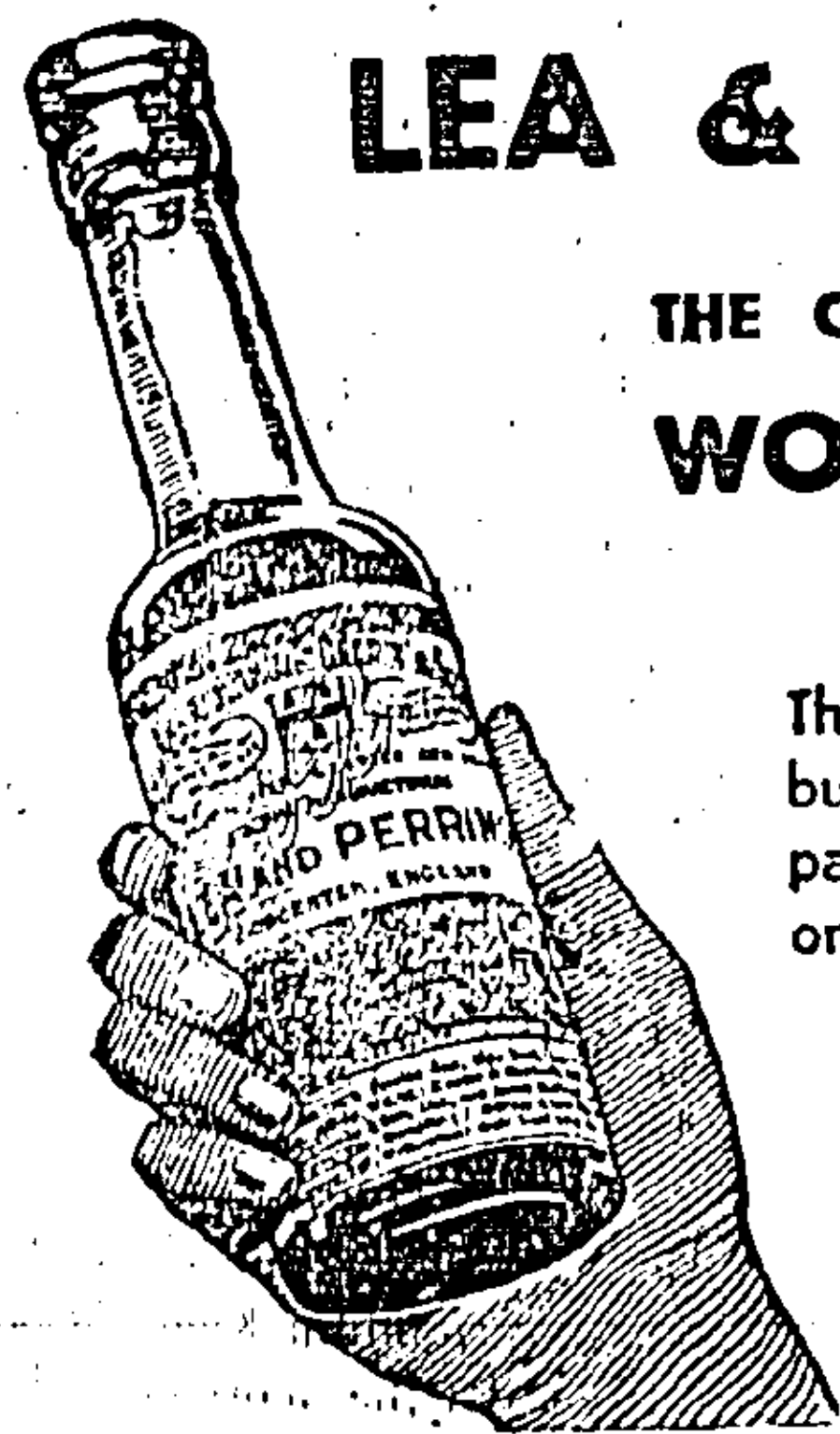
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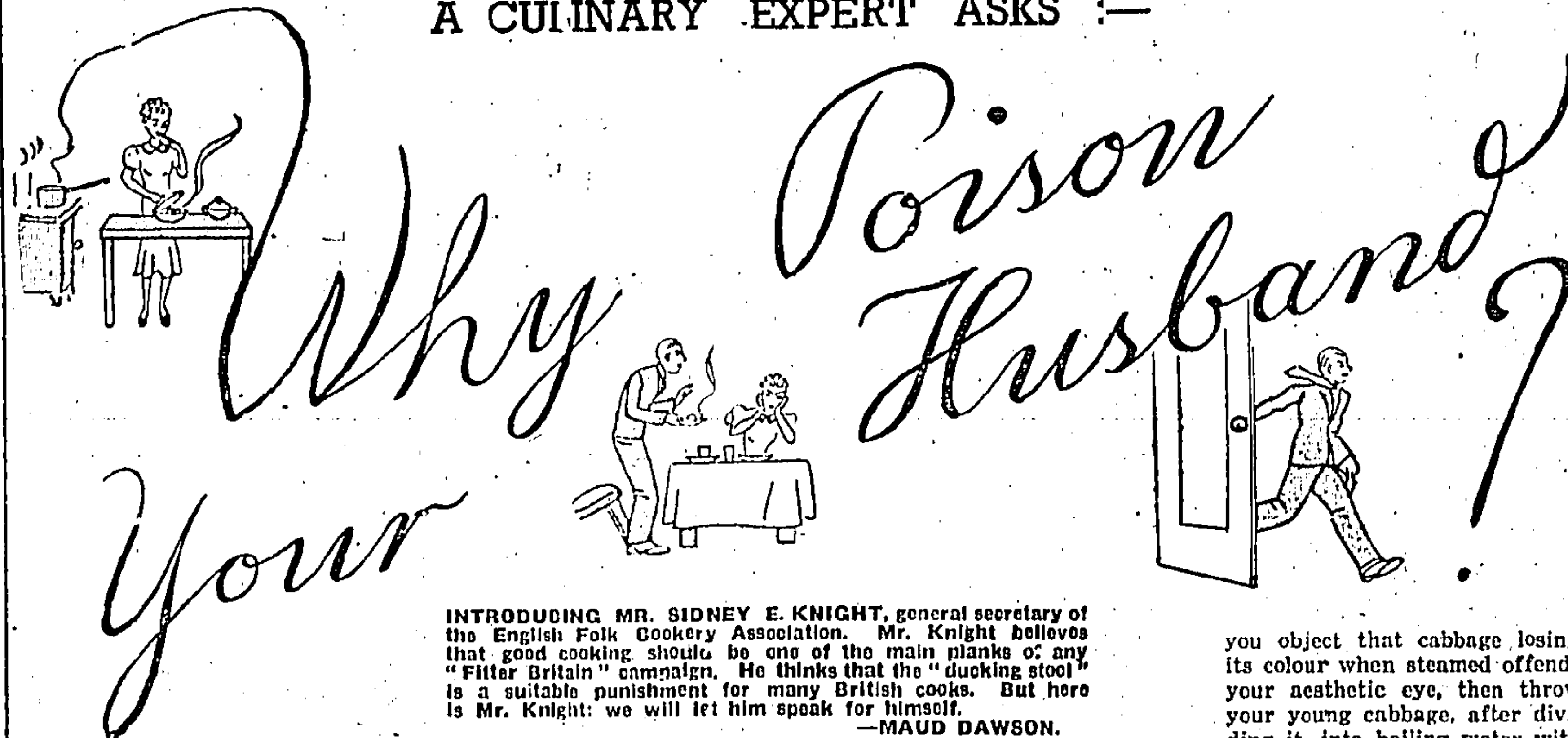
Velvet dinner dress worn by Barbara Stanwyck.



Frances Mercer wears a silver brocade net gown.



A CULINARY EXPERT ASKS:—



INTRODUCING MR. SIDNEY E. KNIGHT, general secretary of the English Folk Cookery Association. Mr. Knight believes that good cooking should be one of the main planks of any "Filter Britain" campaign. He thinks that the "ducking stool" is a suitable punishment for many British cooks. But here is Mr. Knight: we will let him speak for himself.

—MAUD DAWSON.

since the first protoplasm ebbed and flowed on earth's primeval shores?

"Feed the brute!" was "Punch's" famous advice to bashful maidens about to embark on the complicated seas of wifehood.

Babies fed on skim milk will be "fed," but will eventually fall victims to rickets and scrofulous diseases, and die; for the essential proteins and fats will be lacking, leaving practically nothing but water.

Undoubtedly, the greatest culinary evil perpetrated in English kitchens to-day is the manner in which vegetables are boiled until they are "dead" food; the valuable mineral salts, so essential for the purity of the blood stream, being leached away down the kitchen sink; the residue, that which is eaten, choking the body and throwing undue strain on the mucous membranes and eliminatory organs.

There is a slight saving grace when the housewife utilises the liquid in mixing the gravy; but gone if it should be thrown away, it should be carefully preserved to form the base for a nourishing soup, for this is the famous "pot liquor" of those amiable black giants along the New Orleans waterfront, jocularly handling the heavy cotton bales under a tropical sun, with no more apparent effort than a champion billiard player performing a simple cannon stroke.

Where, to our English dietary are there two more popular and useful vegetables than the humble potato and the still more humble cabbage? The "cabbage" the odours of which, when cooking, are always being utilised

by our realistic school of writers to portray the cheap lodging house, and the hall portals of seaside boarding houses?

On the lonely island of Tristan da Cunha in the South Atlantic, veterans of 80 years of age are to be found with every tooth intact and every organ in the body free from disease. Their diet consists almost solely of potatoes, milk and a little fish.

Here, then, with rumours of war and wartime rationing ever before our eyes, is our first great lesson: how to cook the potato, which should really be called the staff of life in preference to bread, so that its stored-up energy and salts can be unlocked and made available for human digestion.

There is only one answer, "Bake it," and this in itself, when eaten skin and all, with a lump of butter, flavoured with a little celery salt, provides a perfect, well-balanced, medicinal food, complete with calories, proteins and energy-producing starch in its most assimilative form.

And now to our old friend the cabbage, which, of course, "should be caught when young."

Doctors of ancient Greece and Rome prescribed cabbage for most of the ills to which the flesh is heir. This is scientifically justified, for under analysis the cabbage, properly cooked, contains abundant sulphur in the organic form so necessary for it to be absorbed into the blood stream. (Our grandmothers, with their "brimstone and treacle," were administering sulphur in its wrong form, the inorganic.)

Unless incorporated in a stew, the most sensible way to cook any vegetable, apart from baking, is to steam it. But if

BETWEEN US GIRLS

By Esther



Dining out the other night, we were thrilled by the luscious Hollandaise sauce served on our order of brocoli and asparagus.

The zest it gave made us wish we might serve fine Hollandaise at our own table, so we sought out the chef, and were amazed to learn how easily and successfully it can be prepared—and how inexpensively.

The secret of the recipe lies in the use of undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk. It cuts in half the butter requirement of the usual Hollandaise and, in addition, it makes possible the inclusion of all the constituents of whole milk.

Hollandaise—with its golden colour which contrasts so vividly with the vegetables, and its piquant flavour—makes many things such as cauliflower, more attractive and palatable. We pass on the recipe so that you may please yourself, delight the family, and even perhaps, mystify your friends.

MOCK HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

- 1 tspn. butter
- 2 tspn. flour
- 1/2 cup Carnation Evaporated Milk
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- 1/4 tspn. pepper
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- 2 egg yolks
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tspn. lemon juice

CUSTOMS IN EGGSHELLS

Some people tell you that white eggs have a milder flavour than those "in brown." Others claim that brown eggs have more body and heat to a lighter foam than do the white ones. But such ideas arise not from fact but from customs that have no foundation in truth.

So, regardless of what custom may decree just listen to us. The colour of an eggshell has no bearing on the quality or character of the egg!

Weight for weight and quality for quality, white and brown eggs are equally good. So if you pay a premium for one over the other, you are paying a price merely to follow a custom, not to get better eggs.

DID YOU KNOW

that Cleopatra never brushed her hair? Brushes for the hair are a comparatively modern invention.

TO CLEAN HATHANDS

Here's one way to clean soiled neckbands, hankies, etc., and really get results. Buy some carbon tetrachloride from the chemist, place a piece of blotting-paper underneath the soiled article, and rub the liquid in with a soft rag until the dirt and grease have been absorbed.

LEARN TO RELAX

Try making a habit of "cat-naps." They revive and stimulate.

JUST A THOUGHT

Maybe one reason Hitler has never married is because he wants to go on being boss in Germany.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Prospective Mother: No, you do not need to "sand for two." A pint of Carnation Evaporated Milk will provide enough milk for one day. Your own weight will help tell you if you are getting the right amount of food. If your doctor says you are getting too heavy, leave out some of the sugar, bread, potatoes and desserts, and especially reduce the fats, but not the milk.

Just Engaged: You say your boy-friend dresses nattily. Natalie who?

Round-face: As you are anxious to make your face look longer, we would suggest you wear your hair back behind the ears and off the forehead, and build it up at the temples. You can taper your round cheeks by applying rouge low and quite near the nose, and extending it as always around the curve of the cheek.

THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

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Can France Hold On To Tunisia?

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They come to hear the man of Munich pronounce on the spot his defiant declaration, hurled at Italian ears, that this protectorate belongs inalienably to France.

The guns, as I write, are saluting M. Daladier's approach, and as we count them, we remember that they have other than ceremonial uses. They are part of the system of defence, reaching out to the southern "Mugnot line," on the border of the Libyan desert, which the Prime Minister of France is about to inspect.

He came by sea, aboard the cruiser Foch. If he has an eye for an ironical situation, that name must have set him reflecting. There was a day when allied Italian armies marched to the orders of that supreme commander.

My own route to this rendezvous was by seaplane from the aerodrome near Marseilles. As we left behind us the gaunt mountains of Provence, we seemed to hover over the rocky islets that dot the coast.

A SINGLE PLANE

Each had its mediaeval tower or castle, built when Saracens and Barbary pirates were still a power, to protect farmers and fishermen from the attacks of a still advancing Islam. Looking down, one reflected that a single bomb dropped from such a plane as ours would shatter their masonry and their memories.

Smoothly and without incident, our winged engine carried us over a sea that looked as solid as waves on the stage of a theatre, past the snow-clad slopes of Corsica's mountains, until in the far distance Africa loomed up in the peaks that crown Cape Bon.

A whirl, a downward dive, a rush through the foam, and after six hours' uneventful flight we had passed from one continent to another. The air was chilly, but date palms and a grazing camel assured us that our pilot had not lost his way.

Our car carried us past long lines of military planes. Then with a rush of pity and anger we noted the incredible squalor of the minute hovels in which the natives, shivering within their rags, sheltered from the rain. Beyond their huts were the well-built granaries they had toiled to fill. Here at a glance was Empire.

GRIM SIGNS OF POVERTY

THE thousands of spectators were drawn mainly from two directions. These men with red turbans or turbans on their heads, and a grey burnous draped

H. N. BRAILSFORD is on a special mission, studying Mediterranean problems on the spot. His first article deals with the position in Tunisia.



M. Daladier, shown with Mr. Chamberlain during the recent visit of the British statesmen to Paris.

gracefully round their shoulders, came down from the ancient native city on the hill.

Most of them are as white as any European, some have the typical olive skin of the Mediterranean race; a very few disclose some negro blood.

Their quarter on the hill seems to my eyes rather Oriental than African. Through such bazaars I used to wander in my youth, when Turkey was still an unreformed theocracy, untouched by revolution.

There is still much in the graceful architecture of mosques, monasteries and private dwellings that recalls the distant centuries when

Arabic culture feared no rival. The markets are well organised and scrupulously clean. The opulent display of fruits and vegetables is a reminder that when the rains fell plentifully, as they did last year, the soil of Northern Tunisia is generous and rich.

BIG MARKET

The cross-legged artisans and the shopkeepers of the bazaars are well and warmly clad in their traditional style. But on the whole the impression is one of poverty. The horses are small and pitifully thin, and they wince under the continual use of the lash.

A big market is devoted to the sale of secondhand articles. Here are dirty and bedraggled turbans; next to them are untidy slippers with holes in the soles; beyond them I note a regiment of little bottles and pots that may once have held medicines or toilet cream.

If such things have a selling value that will reward the patience of the vendor and the long researches of his customers, one is forced to realise the economic significance of farthings in the daily life of this nation.

LIBERTY IN FETTERS

THIS Arab quarter sent down its thousands to the main street to acclaim the Prime Minister of France. I felt a rather keener interest in those who were not present.

Ten of the leaders of the Arab population will hear in prison the singing of the Marseillaise, the rumble of the tanks and the droning of the aeroplanes, as M. Daladier reviews the forces that protect this nation.

Through the greater part of last year Tunisia was under martial law; while military courts dealt with its discontents. These leaders had formed a too successful nationalist party. Known as the Destourian movement (this word means "constitutional"), it asks only for the loyal observance of the treaties that define the French protectorate over Tunisia. Its aim is not independence, but merely some measure of democracy under the sheltering flag of the Republic.

This party has more than 80,000 paying members. When one reflects that the Arab population of Tunisia numbers only two millions, and that the mass of it is illiterate, this figure, after one has allowed for the women and children, should mean that most of the adult male Arabs above the line of elementary poverty have dared to adhere to the movement.

RIOTS LAST APRIL

There were riots last April over the arrest of a popular leader. Since then, the newspapers of this party have been suppressed. I gathered, however, that it is still active underground.

It had played, unfortunately, a rather risky part in the triangular duel that is being fought between Islamic nationalism, French capitalist democracy and Italian Fascism for this key position that controls, not only the shores of North Africa, but the narrows of the Mediterranean Sea.

Some of its influential members have had dealings with the Fascist propagandist machine, and have even migrated as refugees to Italy. One of them gave broadcasts in Arabic from the famous station of Bari. The disconcerting discovery followed, that he went there with credentials from the head of this party.

FEW ILLUSIONS

The Destourian movement has few illusions about French democracy. The Front Populaire disappointed all its hopes, for it made, even under Leon Blum, no effort at all to fulfil them.

None the less, the French Socialist and Trade Unionist comrades, who have befriended this movement in the past, assure me that it has no Fascist tendencies, and has no friendly feelings toward Italy's pretensions.

There are, in Tunisia, thousands of Arab refugees from neighbouring Libya who have drawn an alarming picture of Italian rule in that province. The nationalist movement is certainly not pro-Italian, but rather clumsily it has in the past tried to play with Italy in order to put pressure on the French.

Part of the purpose of the grey aeroplanes that have circled over the city all day was to deter it from any repetition of these tactics.

THE VOICE OF FRANCE

MEETING these Arabs from the hill were the Frenchmen from the modern city on the plain. It is competent and efficient. It is justly proud of the engineering skill that made its port, of its railways and roads and artesian wells.

There is this to be said for it, that it has no racial intolerance. Arabs and Frenchmen, in social life, be it in the cafes or in drawing-rooms, mix on a footing of perfect equality.

This the French owning class wisely concedes, but it has made of the Grand Council, a merely consultative body formed to distort Tunisian opinion, a perfect model of oligarchical privilege. The French city exists to organise the export of the wheat, olive oil and phosphates that constitute the tribute of empire.

The two cities met in the evening at a banquet to honour M. Daladier's arrival. In their turbans and robes the Arabs sat impassive, silent and inscrutable, while the French applauded the empty if well-turned platitudes of the far from magnetic orator.

GHOSTLY CATCHWORDS

Never have I listened to a speech that gave me a deadlier impression of decadence. His phrases echoed without meaning the ghostly catchwords of 1789. He talked of fraternity and justice, while a few hundred yards away the leaders of this people lay in prison: His voice to my ears, rang true only once, and that was when he called for "order and discipline."

He boasted of the "invincible might" of France, but when I asked myself how Mussolini would react to this phrase, I found myself mentally counting the aeroplanes that had manoeuvred during the afternoon under the grey skies to give substance to this eloquence. I think they totalled 60. Under their protection, as might well, the French students, singing, "Italy for the Negus," broken a considerable number of Italian windows.

That gesture, I confess, alarmed me, for I had gathered from the spontaneous talk of the French half of M. Daladier's audience, that it found his speech, as I did, indefinite and weak.

Fifty aeroplanes do not in this ugly world amount to "invincible might." After the speeches and the reviews will come the concessions.

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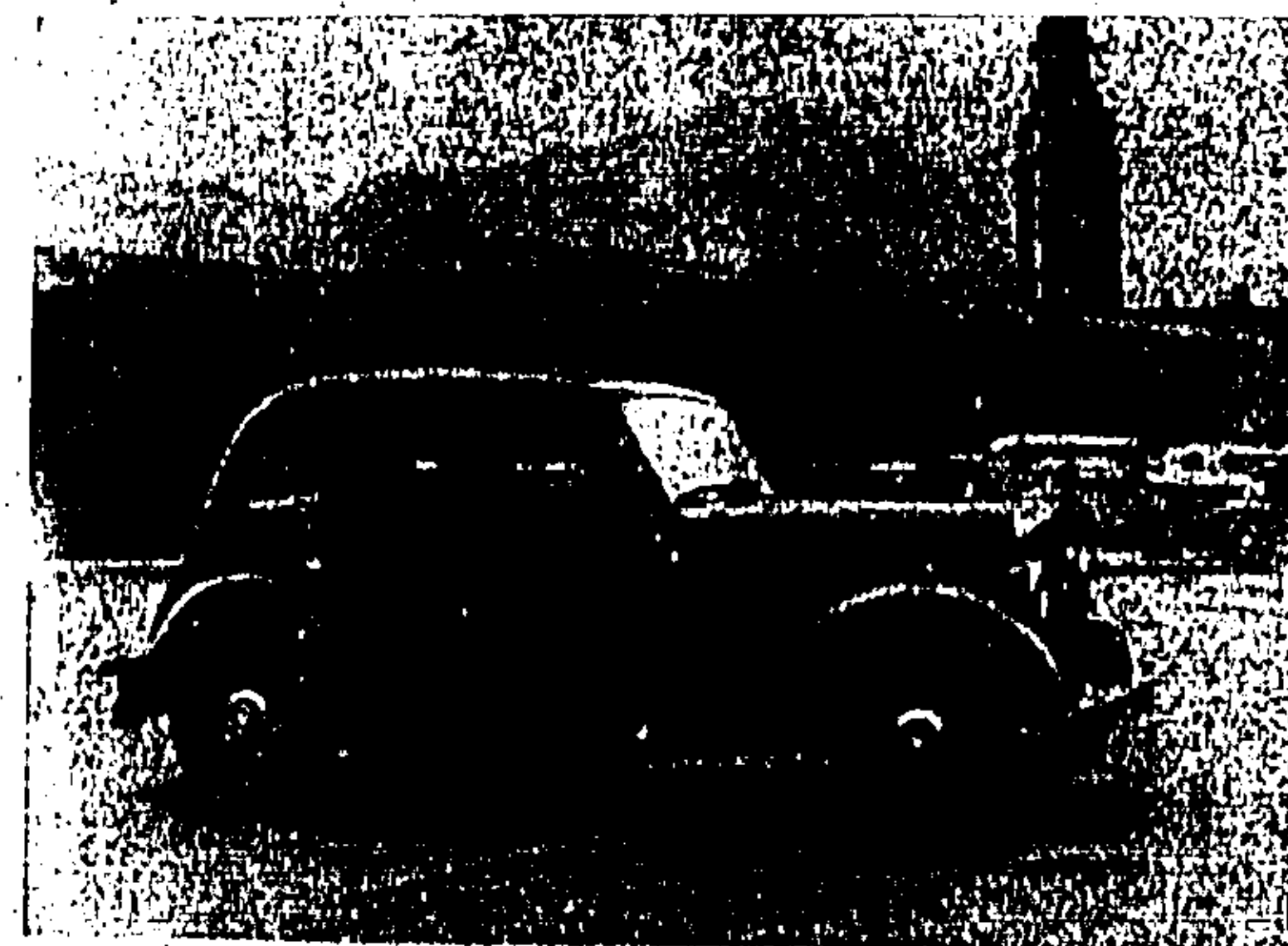
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GENERAL ITAGAKI'S ESTIMATE OF JAPAN'S WAR TASK IN CHINA

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The present situation in the conflict in China was outlined by the Japanese War Minister, General Itagaki, in a speech to Parliament to-day.

About 170,000 Chinese troops, he said, were now assembled west of the Peiping-Hankow Railway, preparing guerilla warfare north of the Yangtse. South of the Yangtse are about 301,000 troops in the area between Changsha and Nanchang, mostly troops of the Chinese Central Army.

General Chiang Kai-shek is endeavouring, stated General Itagaki, to establish connection with the generals of the South-West.

In South China, there were about 200,000 Chinese troops in Kwangtung, and about 150,000 in the province of Kwangsi.

Taking into account also Chinese troops in the provinces of Szechuen and Yunnan, the estimated total strength of the Chinese at about one million men, with 210 divisions, of which 85 divisions belonged to the Chinese Central Army.

General Itagaki declared that he believed that Western and Northern China, through continuously increasing support from Moscow, would gradually come under Communist influence.

TO STAY CERTAIN TIME

He emphasised that the chief forces of the Japanese expeditionary army would remain in China for a certain time, not only to fight the anti-Japanese Chiang Kai-shek regime but also to establish at the same time a state of peace and order.

Both the War Minister and Naval Minister, Admiral Yonai, who spoke after General Itagaki, emphasised that the war against China must be carried out not only by the army and navy but by the whole nation.

At this time, when the future of Japan and of Eastern Asia was being decided, the whole nation had to stand together believing steadfastly in the ultimate victory of the Japanese arms. —Trans-Ocean.

NEW LULL

Chungking, Yesterday. A lull in the fighting which has been going on in the region of the Hankow Railway is reported in despatches reaching here this morning.

Both sides are engaged in consolidating their positions on a front running from Chuentien, through Hwahsien, to Chuang-hua.

In the region of the West River the Japanese forces are reported to be making a new attempt to cross the river in the neighbourhood of Samshui.

The attempt was frustrated, however, as were the resumed efforts of the Japanese to advance beyond Samshui in an effort to

establish contact with the Japanese forces operating along the Hankow Railway.

PAKHOI CONCENTRATION

The massing of considerable Japanese naval forces in the neighbourhood of Pakhoi has now been given official confirmation in a communique which makes mention of an artillery duel between the Japanese warships and Chinese land batteries.

It is claimed that the Chinese gunners prevented the Japanese from effecting a landing.

Chinese military circles are of opinion that the Japanese army command will call off all its operations in the Samshui region and concentrate its attention on Central China.

Reports indicate that the Japanese are preparing to make a new drive along the road leading from Hankow to Ichang.

Later reports speak of heavy fighting having already broken out in this region, although details are still lacking. —Trans-Ocean.

JONES-SHITZEL WEDDING

MISS MARY SHITZEL, OF NO. 80, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, BECAME THE BRIDE OF MR. JOHN JONES, AT THE REGISTRY YESTERDAY MORNING.

The bridegroom is a chemist, attached to the Kowloon branch of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, Limited.

The ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. T. J. Gould, and the witnesses were Messrs. C. N. S. Burns and E. B. David.

JOURNALISTS TO WED

The forthcoming wedding of Miss Barbara Miller, journalist, and Mr. Albert Percy Finch, journalist, has been announced to take place shortly in the Colony.

Both parties are from Shanghai. Mr. Finch is assistant editor of the "North China Daily News".

MOBILISING JAPAN FOR WAR

Premier's Analysis Of Tasks Before The Country



Refugees in the camp at King's Park line up with their mugs etc.

"Situation More Serious Than Ever"

Tokyo, Yesterday.

In the presence of the entire Cabinet and Diplomatic Corps, the Prime Minister, Baron Hiranuma, declared to-day in addressing the crowded Upper House:

"We have just celebrated the beginning of the second New Year in the course of the China conflict, and the situation in which we now find ourselves is more serious than ever."

Baron Hiranuma dealt more closely with the China conflict, and emphasised that the present Cabinet would continue its unalterable policy in the conflict, using every means at its disposal and disregarding the cost.

Permanent peace could only be achieved if the three countries—Japan, Manchukuo and China—which were responsible for stabilisation of the Far East, were to be united as quickly as possible for attainment of the common aim, namely establishment of a new order of affairs that would displace the old.

Japan must remove all those who did not understand this principle and wanted to continue resistance to Japan.

On the other hand, all those were welcome who came as pioneers to the new China to participate in the historic work of creating a new order in East Asia.

Japan would collaborate specially with those Powers which showed complete understanding for the new situation.

"Germany and Italy from the very beginning of the present conflict have helped us continuously and without stint, and we are deeply grateful to them."

"We feel extreme satisfaction that Japan's relations to these friendly powers, to whom we are moreover bound by the anti-Comintern Pact, are now more cordial than ever."

As regards Japan's relations to third powers, Baron Hiranuma declared that Japan had

no intention of unnecessarily prohibiting participation of these Powers.

ULTIMATE GOAL

Despite all military successes, he declared, Japan's ultimate goal was not military victories but the road to this goal would still be long and beset with many difficulties.

Therefore the Government and people must stand together in the service of the state.

It was necessary that the entire system of education should be placed on a new basis, in order to develop the national spirit.

ECONOMIC CONTROL

Another important task was provision of the strongest possible armaments as expression of the economic powers of Japan, Manchukuo and China.

For this reason, control over economic affairs must be still further strengthened.

Connected therewith was gradual application of the General Mobilisation Law and execution of internal reforms.

The Government would take measures to effect frictionless transformation to wartime economic conditions.

Finally, Baron Hiranuma called upon Parliament to pass the laws and measures submitted to it by the Government. —Trans-Ocean.

NO ALTERNATIVE

Tokyo, Yesterday. The Upper House reassembled after the New Year recess at 10 o'clock this morning, when speeches were made by the Premier, Baron Hiranuma, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita.

The statements explained existing conditions, the plans being carried out and the future policies of the Japanese Government.

Expressing the hope that the Chinese would co-operate with Japan, with no misapprehension whatsoever or else construction of the "new order" in East Asia would be impossible, the Premier, in a 2,500 word speech, said:

"As for those Chinese who fail to understand and persist in their opposition against Japan, we have no alternative than to exterminate them."

Contrary to expectations, Mr. Arita did not refer directly to the recent British, American and French Notes.

The Lower House reassembled at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when members listened to similar speeches. —Reuter.

Rangoon, Yesterday.

The Burmese oil industry has been practically paralysed owing to the strikes in the oil companies. —Reuter.

Moscow, Yesterday.

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. has appointed Alexander Lubimov as People's Commissar for Trade. —Reuter.

An unknown woman mendicant, about 50 years of age, was last night admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition suffering from injuries received in a fall down the staircase of a house in Man Ming Lane.

Mr. F. Kerslake, chief engineer of the Hongsang, who was reported missing, has been located, the police announced last night.

EXTENSIVE FLOODS IN ENGLAND

London, Yesterday. Rain continues over Southern England, and as a result rivers are still rising and the area affected by floods is increasing. There is extensive flooding in the valleys of the Ouse, Great Ouse, Avon, Severn and Thames valley, as well as in the Thames valley. —British Wireless.

MISS HANCE TO WED SOON

Miss Barbara Charlotte Hance, of No. 1, The Peak Mansions, has announced her forthcoming marriage to Lieutenant Richard Thurston Venables Kyrke, of H.M.S. Regent.

The bridegroom-to-be is originally from Durston Chard, Somerset, England.

It is learned that the wedding will take place in England.

\$1,000 FRAUD

Leung Pat-ting, 43, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards yesterday morning, with obtaining a credit of \$1,003.75 by means of fraud, from Li Chiu-wing, master of the Lai San Shirt factory.

Mr. C. Y. Kwan appeared for the defence, and Inspector W. Ritchie prosecuted.

Defendant was allowed \$3,000 bail.

Neither junks nor firing were traced or heard when police launches were sent to the Ninpin group of islands, on a report by the master of the s.s. Yochow that fighting had been observed early yesterday morning.

HONG KONG TO HAVE THIRD ORPHANAGE

The Hong Kong Branch of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans, which has been running an orphanage for eighty odd children at Un Long since July, and a second for two hundred and forty odd at the Govt. Civil Hospital B Block since September, is opening a third within the next few days.

The chief function of this third Orphanage is to cater for some seventy or eighty orphan babies that have been left on the hands of the Hong Kong Government or "on the doorstep" of the orphanages by unfortunate parents, war refugees from the areas immediately bordering the New Territories.

Several were left on the roadside and given their first baths by the kindly nurses of the Un Long Orphanage, others were a few days old when they were admitted, while a smaller number are a little older, but have parents who are absolutely destitute, or have succumbed.

Those being handed over by Government were mostly born in various Chinese hospitals and temporarily housed there or in the Po Leung Kuk pending their transfer to some organisation who might undertake their care, and after a high official of Government discussed the matter with a responsible member of the Orphanage Committee, the Committee accepted the responsibility, in spite of the cost.

To house these babies, the Government has promised to grant the Old Govt. Civil Hospital Maternity Block to the Orphanage Association.

URGENT APPEAL

An Urgent Appeal is now made by Miss T. Irene Ho Tung, Director of Orphanage, for a generous donations for all things that may be useful for babies or for the general run of the orphanage. Clothes, beds (or cots), bedding, mackintoshes, bottles, feeders, etc., furniture, and household utensils; and, above all, milk foods and funds. Contributions will be gratefully received if delivered to any of the following centres:

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4. The Chinese Women's Soldier's Relief Assoc., Wang Hing Bldg.

If it is not convenient to deliver, goods could be called for if a note is sent to (1) or (2) above.

TWO ARMED ROBBERIES

Two armed robberies were reported last night.

In one case, four men raided a hut on Holy Cross Path, Shaokwan, and escaped with money, jewellery and clothing to a total value of \$489, having first gained entrance by removing iron bars from the kitchen window.

The other incident took place at Chuk Yuen village, in the Sheung Shui district, where a Mauser pistol and a revolver were used to terrorise the inmates of a hawkers' house. Their haul was valued at \$32.

CENSUS AND NATIONAL REGISTER

London, Yesterday. Provisional Regulations for the Census of 1941 have been issued by the Minister of Health considerably in advance of the normal date, and it is recalled that the Lord Privy Seal on December 6 last in a speech in the Commons on National Service, said that necessary steps would be taken shortly to enable a complete National Register to be compiled immediately it was required in time of emergency. —British Wireless.

SPEEDING UP CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE

Chungking, Yesterday.

The Foreign Trade Commission has mapped out a plan for speeding up China's foreign trade by exporting goods through Kunming to the amount of 200 tons per day.

Kunming is now the main centre of export trade for southwest China. The city is linked with Kweichow, Szechwan and Burma by highways and with French Indo-China by the Yunnan-Annam Railway.

With a view to making the fullest use of the Chungking-Kunming highway, arrangements have been made by the Commission with the South-west Road Bureau that a minimum of 100 tons of export goods produced in Kweichow and Szechwan as well as western Hupeh and Hunan be transported every day over this motor-road.

New trucks have been ordered from abroad and 1,000 carts are being constructed.

Arrangements have also been made by the Commission with the Kunming-Burma Road Bureau. —Central News.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL AT CHUNGKING

Chungking, Yesterday.

The People's Political Council is expected to hold its third plenary session in the middle of next month.

The Secretariat of the Council, has asked members of the Council to be in Chungking before February 10.

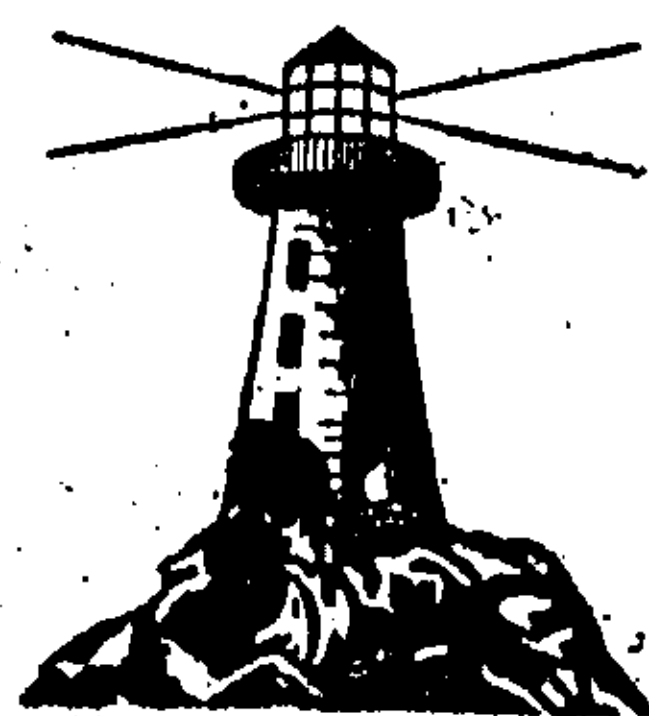
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, new chairman of the Council in succession to Wang Ching-wei, will personally preside. —Central News.

MRS. HERMAN LIU'S BOOK

Dedicated to the memory of her late husband, who died tragically in Shanghai last year, Mrs. Liu, wife of the late Dr. Herman C. E. Liu, has written and completed a book entitled "The Death Of My Husband."

The book will be published by the Women's Committee on Industrial Work for Refugees and the proceeds will be contributed to refugee relief. It will be on sale in April and will be published both in Chinese and in English.

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SCHACHT RETIREMENT SIGN OF INTENSIFICATION OF NAZI EXPORT POLICY

London, Yesterday.

Dr. Schacht's retirement from the Reichsbank is interpreted by the newspapers here as foreshadowing intensification of the German export policy with the aid of Reich's financial resources and "commercial diplomacy."

The "Evening Standard" draws the conclusion that more importance than ever must be attached to the demand for an energetic British policy in respect of foreign trade made by the Federation of British Industry.

The paper stresses the necessity of making full use of the powerful weapon for negotiation constituted by the British World market.

Dr. Schacht's retirement has caused uneasiness among the foreign owners of German bonds.

MR. HUDSON PROMISES OFFICIAL AID

London, Yesterday.

The Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, in a speech at a public dinner in London to-night, again advised British industries to organise against foreign competition.

Industry, he said, would have Government support in any action they deemed necessary.

They must face the new conditions which prevailed. New and lighter industries must be established to take the place of the old staple industries.

Meanwhile, a despatch from Berlin says that it is understood in the Nazi capital that a delegation representing British industry will arrive there at the end of next month for talks with German industrialists.

The Federation of British Industries recently agreed that such talks should take place. — Trans-Ocean.

BRITAIN'S SLUM CLEARANCE

London, Yesterday.

The half-yearly housing return published by the Health Minister shows that good progress is being made in the final and effective stages of the Government's great slum clearance campaign.

Up to the end of September last, 231,206 houses with accommodation for 1,087,792 persons, had been provided for re-housing slum-dwellers. — British Wireless.

ITALY WISHES ADEN WELL

Aden, Yesterday.

The Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia, sent a telegram to Sir Bernard Reilly, Governor of Aden, on the occasion of the colony's centenary, wishing a prosperous and fruitful future.

The Governors of Italian Somaliland and Eritrea sent similar telegrams.

CONSULTATION ON I.R.A. OUTRAGES

London, Yesterday.

Northern Ireland officials arrived in London yesterday to consult with the British Home Office and Scotland Yard in connection with the series of bomb outrages.

One of the Irish officials announced that the Royal Irish Constabulary was being increased in order to deal with any eventualities.

Residents overlooking Hendon aerodrome have had an exciting two days following the receipt by Scotland Yard of an anonymous message announcing that the aerodrome would be blown up.

Dozens of police and detectives have been swarming in and round the aerodrome, which was floodlighted by searchlights all night, while all planes were removed from the hangars for greater safety.

There has been no attempt on the airport, however. — Trans-Ocean.

VICEROY VISITS BOMBAY

Bombay, Yesterday.

Sweep of enthusiasm accompanied the first official visit to Bombay of the Viceroy and Lady Linlithgow yesterday.

Driving along a six-mile route, the Viceroy and Vicerine were loudly cheered by large crowds of Indians who had lined the streets.

NEW METHOD OF PLANE MASS PRODUCTION

Washington, Yesterday.

A new secret method, said to open the way for the mass production of planes in wartime, was mentioned by Mr. George Backland, Vice-President of the Baskin Corporation, testifying before the Federal Monopoly Committee yesterday.

Mr. Backland said the new method, which had been developed secretly in the United States, will turn out an aeroplane fuselage in two hours with the labour of only nine men.

The development, which is the invention of an Army officer, was made possible by the use of a new plastic material instead of wood or metal. — Reuter.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING MOVE

Perpignan, Yesterday.

The Republican Spanish Government has decided to move its most important Ministries to a less dangerous location; it is reliably reported here.

The Ministries of Interior and Agriculture are to be transferred to Albacete on the railway line between Madrid and Valencia; it is stated, while the Ministries for Finance and Transportation will be moved to Madrid.

The Foreign and War Ministries will remain for the time being in Barcelona. — Trans-Ocean.

ALLEGED AID TO BARCELONA

Paris, Yesterday.

Referring to rumours of war material transports from France to Spain, the weekly paper "Cyrano" alleges that five goods trains with war material including tanks, aeroplanes and several thousand shells left for Republican Spain on January 16. Part of the material is said to have come from England. — Trans-Ocean.

D. B. Williams, a physician of San Francisco residing at Seamen's Institute, has reported the loss of a wallet, containing \$350, a passport and cards while walking in Jaffre Road.

More Destroyers And Patrol Vessels

London, Yesterday.

In view of Germany's announced intention to build submarines to parity with Great Britain, it would appear inevitable, says Reuter's naval correspondent, that the forthcoming British building programme will have to provide an increase in anti-submarine types. These will include escort and patrol vessels, while an additional destroyer flotilla would not appear unlikely.

One of the main questions will necessarily be the speed at which Germany proposes to achieve parity.

The only light hitherto thrown on this is the recent statement in the Nazi newspaper, "Völkischer Beobachter," that Germany will build up to British strength only gradually. — Reuter.

ARABS AGREE TO GO TO LONDON

Cairo, Yesterday.

The delegates of the Arab States invited by the British Government to attend the London Round Table conference on the Palestine question, it is announced have definitely decided to accept the invitation and will leave Cairo for England on Sunday.

It appears that no agreement has been reached between various delegations on any common standpoint to be adopted in the Palestinian question. — Trans-Ocean.



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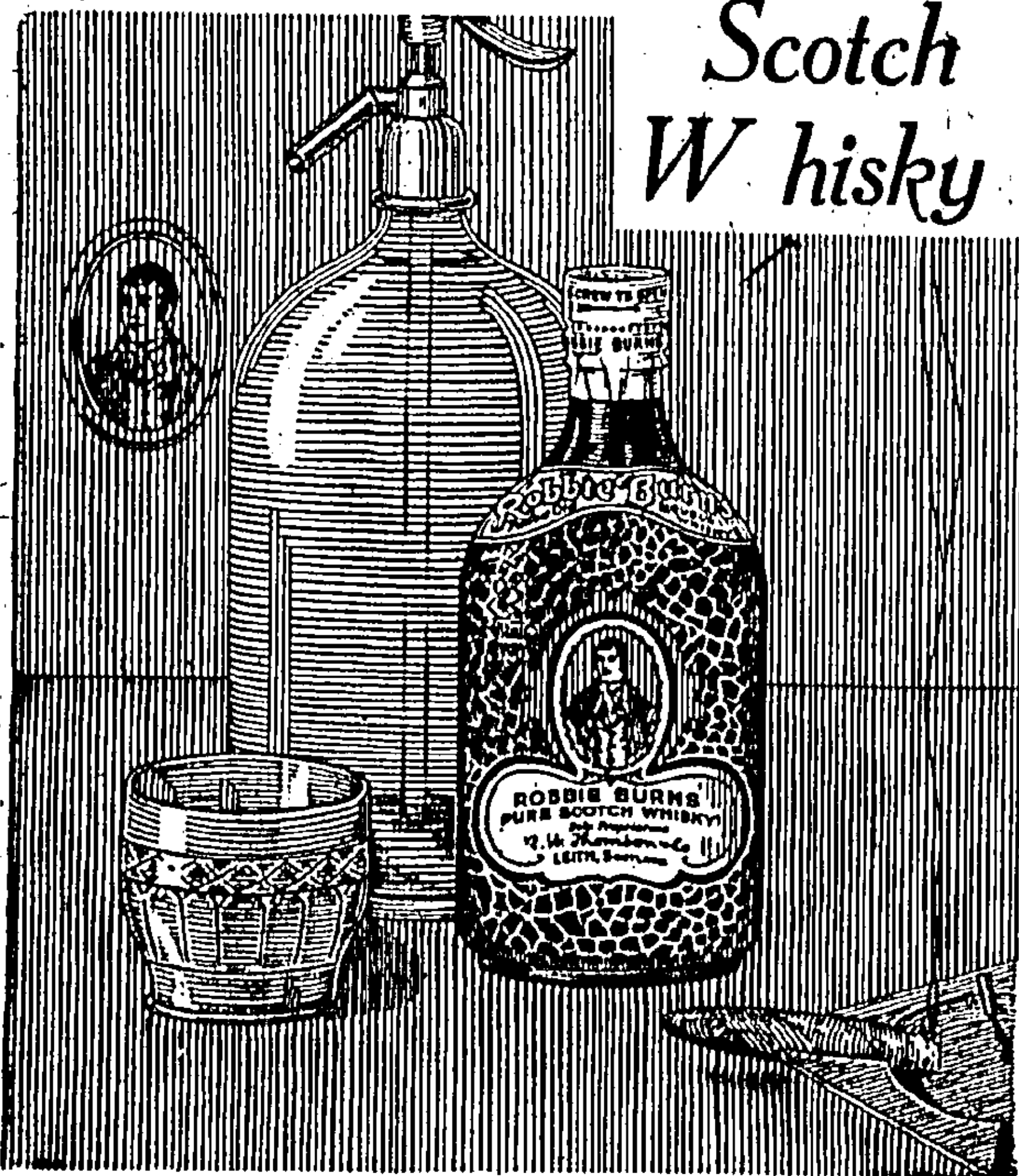
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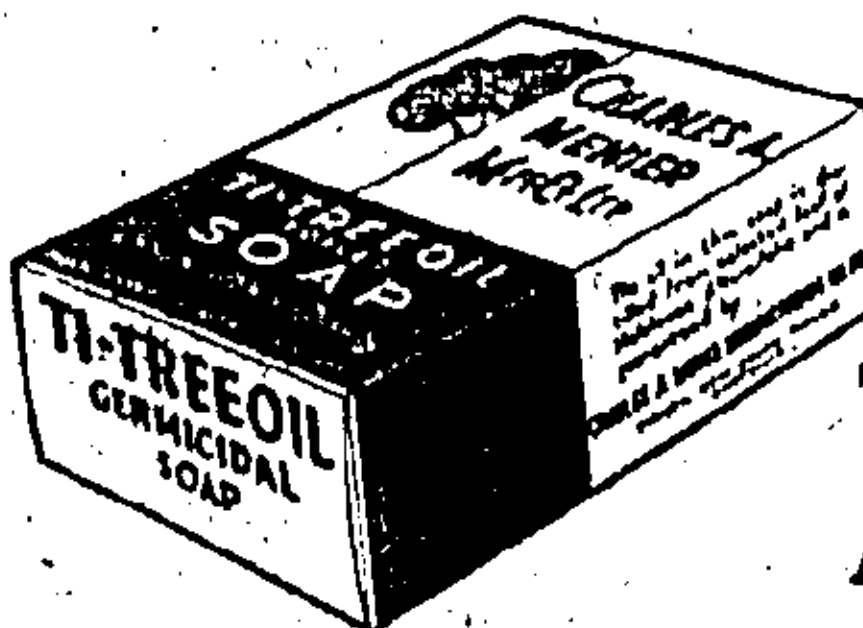
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Nathan Road's avenue of banyans, threatened by double-decker bus project.

SOVIET "MYSTERY" SHIP REVEALED AS ENGAGED IN H.K. TEA TRADE

An aura of mystery built up around the arrival in Hong Kong of a Soviet steamer, the s.s. Thilisi, supposedly carrying a secret cargo of arms and ammunition for the Chinese Government, was dispelled when a representative of the "Sunday Herald" visited the ship yesterday.

The captain revealed that his was not the first Soviet steamer to put into Hong Kong recently. Another vessel on the same run was here only three weeks ago.

Moreover, his statement that far from having war material aboard, he was carrying no cargo of any description, was borne out by the fact that the Thilisi was high in the water.

The interesting fact was, however, disclosed that the presence of the Thilisi in Hong Kong is connected with the newly developed trade in China tea to Soviet Russia.

TEA TRAFFIC

During 1938, the Soviet bought some \$9,000,000 worth of tea in Hong Kong, most of it towards the end of last year.

The Thilisi, as her predecessor three weeks ago, came to Hong Kong from Odessa in the Black Sea for the sole purpose of taking on another heavy consignment for Russia.

The vessel is one of a fleet which may be expected to make regular runs between Odessa and Hong Kong.

EQUALS ALL

With the insignia of modern Soviet Russia, the Hammer and Sickle, on the funnel, the modern doctrine of equality for all was demonstrated on board by a glimpse of the crew at supper.

Captain, officers and crew were all grouped together in the tiny saloon and were helping themselves with relish to quantities of black bread which they ate with steaming borsch taken from a colossal tureen placed on the table.

Mr. A. H. McBride was one of the many Government servants who proceeded on long leave yesterday.

Local Air Raid Warden Training

As part of the local campaign for building up an air raid warden contingent of some 6,000 persons, a special series of courses have been arranged, to commence in the next week or so.

The primary object of these courses is to train future Air Raid Wardens in the duties which they will be called upon to carry out should a state of emergency ever arise.

The course is open to both men and women and the Air Raid Precautions Officer ventures to hope that the community will give its full support and attend these lectures in the earnest endeavour to build up a body of fully trained men and women to whom the general public can go to for advice during peace and, in time of emergency, to act as leaders and helpers among their neighbours.

COURSES ARRANGED

Lusitano Club lectures, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5.30 p.m. commenced last week under Mr. R. P. Dunlop and Mr. W. Clark.

At the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, lectures will be held on Tuesdays commencing February 7 at 6 p.m. under Mr. A. Howard and Mr. G. Frost.

As from February 7, La Salle College will be the centre for lectures on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. under Messrs. W. Leyden and L. Bones.

At the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Waterloo Road, lectures will be held on Mondays at 7 p.m. commencing on March 6, under Mr. Chak Tai-kwong.

Mr. J. A. Bendall will be instructor at the Public Restaurant, Jockey Club, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.15 p.m. commencing on March 7.

Mr. Leyden will commence a series on February 13 at the Diocesan Junior School, Duke Street, Kowloon, to be held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Among passengers who left in the Carthage on Home leave was Mr. W. C. Low, clerk to the Police Judge.

NEW THREAT TO NATHAN ROAD TREES

DOUBLE-DECKER BUS PLANS MAKE PROGRESS

Taxation The Only Issue Now Outstanding

("Sunday Herald" Special)

KOWLOON MAY SHORTLY SEE THE FIRST APPEARANCE IN THE COLONY OF DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES.

If it does, however, it will have at the same time to resign itself to the cutting down of its splendid avenue of banyan trees between Kimberley and Austin Roads, and nearly all the trees in other parts of Nathan Road.

These facts have been established as the result of enquiries by the "Sunday Herald", which learns that negotiations have proceeded to the stage where, if it is desired to save the trees, early action is necessary.

It is pointed out that there is no real choice in the matter. Nathan Road's trees must be sacrificed in the cause of progress as represented by double-decker buses, or the plan for introducing these buses will have to be abandoned.

If plans go as they are expected, the buses will soon be placed into service on the main roads by the Kowloon Motor-bus Company, Limited.

Negotiations between the local authorities and the Company are still proceeding, but, it is learned, that the only serious outstanding issue now is the rate of taxation proposed by the Government on the big Diesel-engine vehicles, which the bus company intend to build into double-deckers.

Immediately after this problem is solved, the company will place four double-decker buses on routes Nos. 1, 2, and 6.

A trial recently carried with a skeleton double-decker bus proved very satisfactory.

The trees along Nathan Road must, however, be cut down; and protruding signboards will have to be taken down to clear all obstacles on the routes on which the double-deckers will run.

It will be recalled that a few years back public indignation was roused by the cutting down of trees on Nathan Road near the Star Ferry, and slashing attacks were made on official action, which led the authorities to abandon the plan.

Much damage was, however, done as all the trees on the right hand side of the road from the junction at Salisbury Road to Whitfield Barracks, had already been cut down.

NEW SLAVE TRADE RACKET IN THE COLONY

("Sunday Herald" Special)

A new racket, which has had much to do with the disturbing growth in the number of comparative children engaged in prostitution in the Colony, has been brought to light as the result of "Sunday Herald" investigations.

Made possible by the extent of destitution among refugees in the Colony, the racket takes the form of obtaining new entrants into the profession by plunging families into debt by lending them money and later, when demands for repayment are made, fruitlessly, of course, compelling them to surrender young daughters for prostitution and sale.

It is the result of this new form of slave traffic that so many young girls still in their teens, many between the ages of 12 and 14 years, are daily filling the ever increasing ranks of clandestine prostitutes.

Agents of the racketeers prowl around refugee camps and the Chinese residential areas in Yau-mat, Mong Kok, Shamshuipo and Kowloon City, ready to batten on refugee families who have young daughters.

ALL WOMEN

The agents are all women. They "make friends" with the families and "distressed" by their hardships, lend money which can be repaid when "in a position to do so".

Once they have the parents deep into debt, the agents force the surrender of their daughters "to get their money back."

No secret is then made of the destiny intended for the girls but protests are overruled by threats or calmed down by "Others are doing the same thing."

The authorities are gravely concerned over the fast-increasing numbers of young prostitutes, and discussions are still proceeding regarding a rescue institution.

Cocker Spaniel, which won the Shanghai championship in 1934.

CATS MAY HAVE PLACE

As there is, also, a possibility that a cat show will be held in conjunction with the above, cat owners are also invited to send in particulars to the same address.

Colony Dog Show Planned By Local Enthusiasts

Colony dog-lovers will soon be given an opportunity of displaying their pets if a scheme for a dog-show which is now in the course of organisation, receives the success it deserves.

A SMALL COMMITTEE OF DOG-OWNERS MET RECENTLY AND EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITIES. IT WAS DISCLOSED THAT A SHOW WAS HELD HERE SOME LITTLE TIME AGO AND THERE SEEMS NO REASON WHY THE PROJECT SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED.

It is hoped to stage the show in St. John's Place on March 11 and for the convenience of those entered from Kowloon, it is expected that special permission will be forthcoming from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon for all dogs participating, to be transported across the harbour without the usual permits.

In order to guage the degree of support that would be forthcoming, the organisers are requesting those interested to send in entries with the following particulars:—

Breed, sex, whether Chinese-bred or imported and age, together with the names and addresses of owners to "Dog Show," c/o "Sunday Herald."



TAIKOO BUILDS SHIP FOR THE NAVY

A NEW VESSEL HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE AUXILIARY RESOURCES OF THE CHINA SQUADRON BY THE LAUNCH AT TAIKOO THIS WEEK OF A STEEL-WATER-TANK VESSEL, H.M.S. WAVE.

The vessel was built to the order of the Admiralty and under their supervision, and is intended for service in local waters. She carries a centrifugal fire and salvage pump. Miss Eileen McCammon performed the christening ceremony, in the presence of Commodore E.R.C. Dicken and other distinguished visitors.

MUI TSAI CHARGE

Mok Siu-lan, 34, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest yesterday morning when charged with keeping an unregistered mul-tai.

Inspector Fraser said the mul-tai went to Bay View Police Station and reported that she had been struck by defendant. She was sold by her mother when eight years old.

Defendant said that she brought the girl to the Colony as a refugee from Canton. She denied striking the girl.

For 48 hours by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when charged with highway robbery.

They were alleged to have been responsible for the robbery of \$110 from a woman, Tam Mui, in the Yau-mat district on December 29.

PORTUGUESE BROKER CHARGED

A 32-year-old broker, Faust Leonard Marcal, was remanded for 72 hours by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when charged with receiving four boxes of silk, stolen from the Britannia Silk store, Queen's Road Central, on Thursday.

Mr. M. A. da Silva was present on behalf of Mr. Lokoamal. Det. Sgt. H. B. Dewar is in charge of the case.

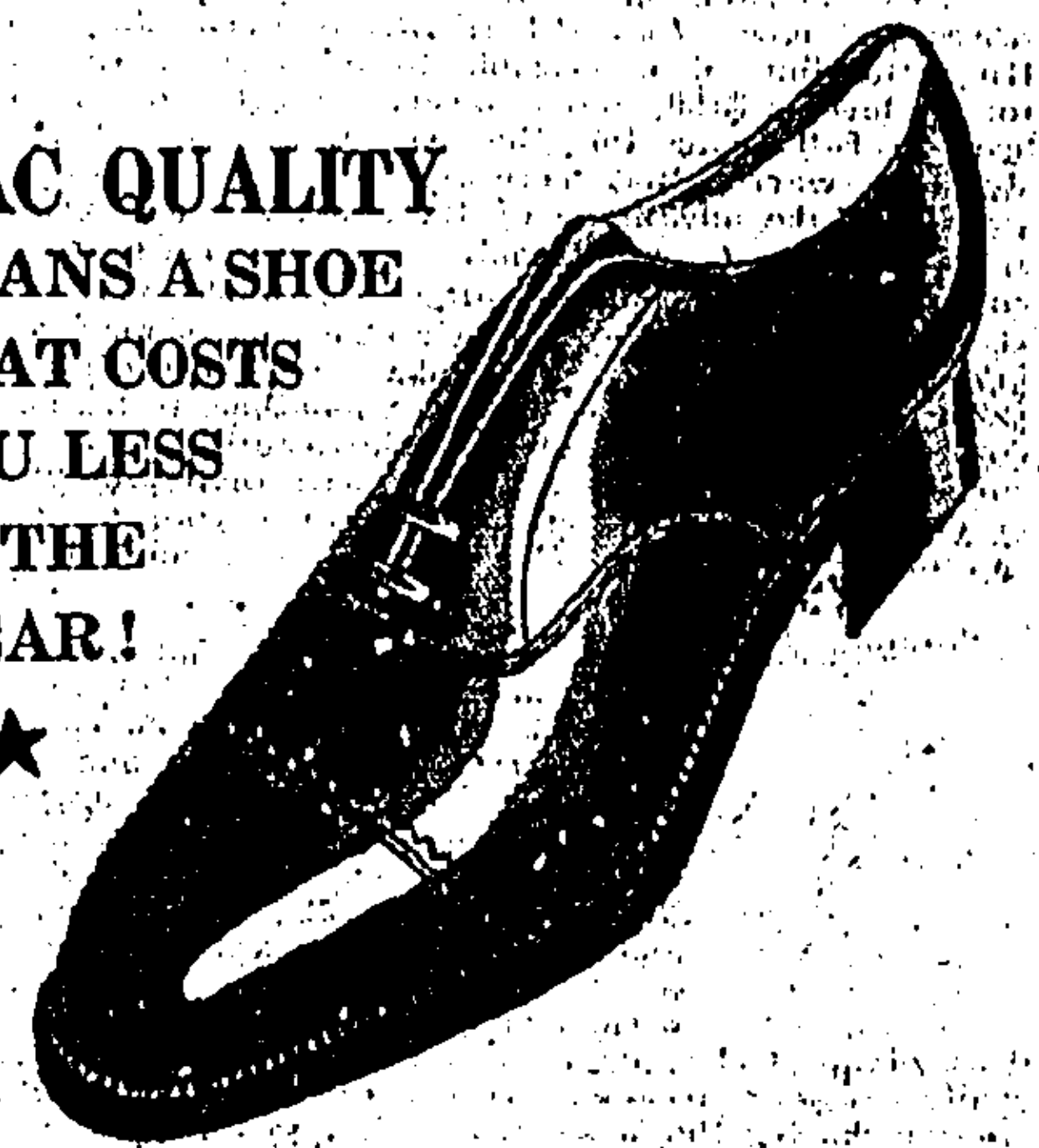
YAUMATI HOLD-UP

At the request of Det. Sgt. J. Johnston, two youths, Ip Wah, 19, and Lo Ka-fu, 20, were remanded

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PEDDER STREET COLLISION

A narrow escape from serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the corner of Pedder Street and Queen's Road Central when a private car and a motor-bus were in collision. There appeared to be some misunderstanding regarding right of way as the owner of the private car turned into Pedder Street.

As a result of a violent swerve the collision was limited to a clash of fenders. Bus No. 624 and car No. 420 were involved.

A CORRECTION

An unfortunate error appeared last week, concerning the recital given by Miss Barbara Gilmar at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday.

Miss Gilmar, who is, in private life, the wife of Lieutenant Commander Wilmet Lea, of H.M.S. Medway, was, inadvertently, described as the wife of Lieutenant Commander D. V. Sprague, R.N.

The error is deeply regretted and we tender apologies to all parties concerned for any distress or inconvenience which may have been caused.

IN COURT FOR SHOUTING

Cheung Chun-wah, 27, motor driver, was remanded by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest yesterday, when charged with obstructing a police constable in Lockhart Road on Friday.

It was alleged that defendant shouted to two men who were being chased by the constable, as a result of which one got away.

Mr. M. A. da Silva pleaded not guilty.

PRIVATE FACES IN PUBLIC PLACES

Erlund

WHEN he visited a doctor recently, Erlund was told he was deficient in red corpuscles. "Not," he said, "Tall, slender and strongly built, he looks fighting fit from the top of his bald head to his size 11 green shoes. And yet the doctor was right, I think."

Doctors and biologists, and criminologists, too, place a lot of stress these days on the excess or deficiency of glands, pituitary, thyroid and suprarenal and on other chemical ex-organisms in the body. They think it is difficult for a man to control or amend his character, because it is pre-determined by his chemical make-up.

It looks as if the lack of what Bernard Shaw calls 'phagocytes' has turned Erlund's life into one long restless rush, an inability to do anything in the ordinary normal manner. He likes being different, but he can't help it, anyway. Here are some of the symptoms.

I have already mentioned that he wears green shoes, "I wear them," he says, "simply because I happen to like them." Although this is partly true,

he really does it because few other men would dare to. And partly because he is an actor, with the people in the streets as his audience. It is difficult not to notice green shoes.

Not merely shoes. Hats fascinate him. He knows more about women's headgear than anyone outside a fashionable hat shop. But, hatless himself, the ones that attract him most are fezzes, Chinese silk caps, coolies' straw hats. He aches to snatch them from the heads of their wearers, and, having put one on, he looks round for admiration. Having donned it, he tries to invest himself with the character of its owner.

In shop or hotel he will always pay a little more than anyone else, or give an extra tip, not because he is generous—though he is—but the tip, and the little compliment with which he contrives to give it, will make him remembered. He enjoys paying a little less too, and occasionally returns home with a box or a vase or

a figure which he has bought for the pleasure of paying a dollar less than the price asked by the shopkeeper.

It is characteristic of him that he must utilise every second of the day, must rush from place to place in ricksha or taxi. Every wasted moment is a penance. Yet when he is on holiday, he undergoes a metamorphosis. A new mental dress is assumed, and with it a new role. It is not Cedric Erlund who is walking through the



With his wife at Repulse Bay.

Forest of Dean, but Marco Polo making his way across Asia, or perhaps Peter Fleming thrusting through the Brazilian jungle of the wilds of Eastern Turkistan.

Restlessness disappears. He can walk 30 miles a day for a fortnight, often going without food all day, climbing hills, getting drenched to the skin, losing himself in the dark in the middle of a moor. All this with the utmost cheerfulness, without fatigue and without feeling that he ought to be at home banging at his typewriter. Because, being Peter Fleming for the nonce, these minor discomforts mean nothing to him.

I was with him on one of his walks and I took with me a large shaggy sheep-dog. It was

typical of Erlund's personal charm, and of his confidence in it, that he always undertook to soothe the irate innkeeper or warden of hiking hostel who

objected to having to house the dog—and that he always succeeded.

Throughout the walk, he was always at his job as a freelance journalist. Not consciously, but instinctively. Like a scientist, he examined every new human specimen he met under his mental microscope. The man who scattered cinders on the wet road. The farmer who fed his cider with joints of beef. The man who was repairing a wall, not because he needed to, but just to oblige the gent at the big house. He spoke to them and he liked them, but whilst he was talking, he was mentally moulding them into column-inches.

When he walks through the turnstile of the Star Ferry, he sometimes says "Shareholder" and goes through without shewing his season ticket. Not very funny, perhaps, but he feels he is pulling the corporate leg of the Star Ferry Company, and it gives him an affinity with Arnold Bennett's "The Card."

One more picture. Erlund at his typewriter. There is a glass of tea with lemon on his desk. A couple of sandwiches have been knocked on to the floor. Sitting in a pale blue dressing gown (I suspect it belongs to his wife) his hair rumpled, he hammers away at his machine. Impossible for him to type like a normal person with the right number of red corpuscles. He must smash and bang at it, hurling the carriage along its bed. The story he is writing is slashed on to the paper like Van Gogh's angry masterpieces.

As he works, he mutters, "How many s's in Cincinnati?" or "how many k's in accuse?" or something of the sort, because, in spite of everything he has done, he has not quite succeeded in mastering simple spelling. When he reads he has only time to see the meaning of the words and not their construction. Because he was born that way, his spelling remains weak.

Who is this man, to deserve a large slice of the "Sunday Herald" feature page? What has he achieved? Not very

much, to tell you the truth. He resembles Dr. Johnson—very slightly perhaps—in his ability to dominate any circle or community in which he finds him-

self. Without effort, he impresses his personality on his surroundings. His brain is quick and decisive. Intelligent people will gravitate to him, but vagueness or ineffectiveness will tear down his courtesy. When there is a job to be done, he can see the kernel of it, and he wants to drive straight down to it, thrusting aside obstruction.

His title to local fame lies in his creation of this page, the "Sunday Herald" feature page. An amateur, fastened all day to his desk by columns of figures, he brings to his writing more zest and enthusiasm than many a professional journalist. He has added a little stimulant, a little salt and pepper, perhaps, to Sunday Journalism. To the Colony he has added a little column and romance. Before his time, distinguished visitors to Hong Kong received a cold official notice. Interesting or amusing visitors—or residents—were hardly noticed at all. Erlund made it his job to bring these people to the journalistic footlights, to give the public a close-up of some of the men and women who make the world's news, even history, sometimes.

The spotlight of "Private Faces" has played on a famous explorer; on the world's greatest authority on the hookworm; on a member of the Indian



The dog which caused the trouble.

Congress; on a Chinese film star; a distinguished composer. He has featured several writers of renown, world-famous war correspondents, dancers, singers, pianists, professors. One of his greatest feats has been that, whilst writing a very personal column, he has kept his own personality out of the picture.

His great aversion is journalism. He abhors secretaries who are ubiquitous, and diplomats who are omniscient, "utter chaos," perfect bias and "dramatic suddenness. He has fought and striven to find new ways of saying things, of presenting ideas in a more vivid and startling manner. Whilst he has been doing so, he has, almost against his will, invented a new journalism of his own. Perhaps Erlundese would be a better word.

Local art owes a debt to the publicity and encouragement he has given it, even at the cost of crowding out of his page items of greater news value. Pictures have been sold, exhibitions have succeeded, because of the "cultural kick in the pants" he has occasionally administered. Many Hong Kong and visiting artists have good reason to be grateful to him.

He has done his damndest to make the Colony a little brighter. But he has tried to make it a little better, too. One of the founders of the Social Settlements scheme, he was its most energetic member, and had his shoulder behind every minute of its uphill climb. He has been responsible for producing much of the valuable data derived from the experiment.

To-morrow he is going home to England, complete with wife, two children, and green shoes. He will be missed by

NOTICE

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One of his many interests was refugee welfare. The photograph was taken at Shantakok.

local journalists and by the immense circle of friends he made during his three years in Hong Kong. And he will be missed by all those readers who looked on his stimulating column as a cocktail to the Sunday news. Also, possibly, by those natives of the New Territories to whom he was wont to give most of his cigarettes on his Sunday hikes.

His new home is not yet decided. But wherever it is, it is due to get shaken up a bit.

Poker

IN poker, five players is the ideal number for producing lively play, but, in two hours the other night, with seven in the school, we had a quite remarkable series of full-houses, flushes and runs. There were no less than five fours, three of them coming out in succession.

We finished up with an ace-pot. After four passes, and with thirty-five chips in the pot, it was opened by a full-house. He could have opened for seventeen, but bid only four to bring in everyone down to the small pairs, and he smiled with gratification when all but one of the players threw four chips into the pot. The betting rose rapidly to thirty, at which point 'aces on the roof' and a small 'trial' retired, followed at 54 by a flush. This left two men and a lady. The lady, who had played only twice before, showed extreme nervousness as the betting rose and, despite the smothered protest of an onlooker, at 90 she dropped her cards on to the table. Full-house, leaning over as if to scoop up the pot, called up. His face fell a little when his remaining opponent turned over four tens, but he smiled a moment later. The lady, almost speechless with chagrin, confessed she had thrown in a routine, eight to four of diamonds.

On the way home her husband was overheard to remark that, if he had his way, women would stick to rummy.

Potted Preachings

Here are a few gems from the thunderings of Dr. Oliver at Kowloon last Tuesday:

Critics are like crickets, they make a big noise in the dark.

(To the congregation). Don't sit there and bat your eyes like jack-rabbits.

(Of a politician). A cloud-burst of words, a desert of ideas. Everything that is popular with the masses is rotten as hell.

If your girl deceives you with her complexion, she'll deceive you with her heart.

He also produced the rather startling argument that no document could be a forgery unless there were already an original in existence.

Most curious of all was his connecting of the number 666 with the devil. He said that the Latin words on the Pope's crown, when translated into figures, added up to 666 and he added that the same feat could be performed with the Hebrew and Chaldean words meaning saturnalia.

E. A. C.

Personalia

Mr. R. H. E. Marks, Assistant Superintendent of Police, accompanied by Mrs. Marks, proceeded on leave yesterday in the Carthage.

Col. Sir Richard Needham and Lady Needham, who have been on a visit to the Colony, left in the Carthage yesterday.

Mr. W. O'Neill, Hong Kong manager of Reuters, is leaving this week on home leave via Shanghai and Canada. Mr. C. R. Graham-Barrow, who recently arrived in the Colony from Hankow, is taking over from him.

Mr. G. Yates, of Jardine, Matheson's has arrived here from the north.

Mr. H. H. Smith, of the American Consulate-General, Shanghai, arrived here in the Carthage.

Mr. G. Van Wyk, manager of the Credit Foncier d'Extrem-Orient, has returned to the Colony.

Mr. Oscar Eager, secretary of the Hong Land Investment and Agency Company, is back from leave.

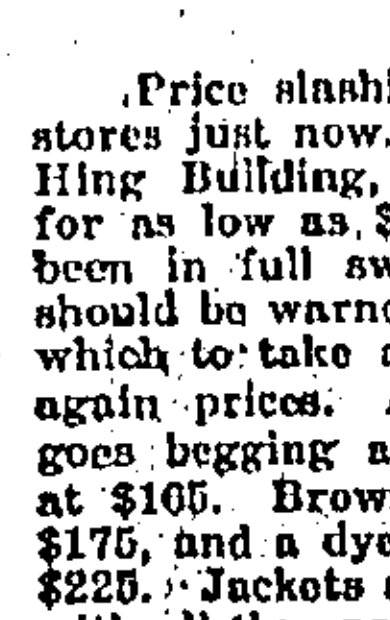
Mr. Stan Hill, of the Public Works Department, returned to the Colony, in the Ranch.

LITTLE NOTES of Great Importance

If someone offered you a yard of British woollen at \$1.00 the yard, would you or would you not take it? You'd be a fool if you didn't! And that is just what ELITE STYLES is offering the shopper this week. British woollen in all the latest fashions at prices which start from \$1.50 the yard. Colours are inspiring and weaves are breath-takingly lovely. Noticed were several wool mixtures in striking colour combinations. A bottle green, hints of brown and orange, and a mustard mixture is plentifully massed with blotches of nigger brown and jade green. (A handsome grey is speckled with white, jade green and black, and by all that is holy do buy yourself a coat-length of good old British tweed for \$3.75 the yard!) Speaking of coats reminds you that ELITE STYLES are dispensing with several imported models at prices which begin from \$8.50. British made, and smart.



The sudden drop in temperature, makes this a timely moment to remind mothers to stock up on WATSON'S No. 35 Cough Syrup for Children. You know how easily children are apt to catch cold at this time of the year—and when they do, you know where a common cold may lead to, don't you? Bronchitis, pneumonia, and pulmonary tuberculosis are only some of the ill that just think how distressed you will be if, through your neglect, any one of your children go down with one of these things. But it doesn't have to happen... not while WATSON'S are on the job and one of their jobs is to provide No. 35 Cough Syrup, a mixture specially compounded for children; whose action is to take away all pain in the chest, relieve difficulty breathing and coughing, and promptly end the phlegm which is the cause of so much suffering in children. Its pleasant taste is another of its advantages, and just think—a whole bottle for only 20 cents!



Price slashing is a fever which is rampant in all stores just now. At MISS WILLYS, Room 334, Wang Hing Building, it is possible to purchase a fur coat for as low as \$150, and a jacket for \$70. A sale has been in full swing for the past week, but shoppers should be warned that there are but three more days in which to take advantage of these never-to-be-repeated, again prices. A sleek looking coat in brown kidskin goes begging at \$285; a bulky grey lamb can be got at \$105. Brown pony, a serviceable fur, is marked at \$175, and a dyed squirrel is unbelievably priced at only \$225. Jackets are styled as you want them to be, snug-to-the-throat, and with all the appearance of the tailor-made about them. Lamb, glossy and curled, in brown or beige are no more than \$70-\$75. Pick of the bunch is a pair of Silver Foxes, which drip to your knees, and swathe you in shimmering loveliness. Only one left and going for \$380 the pair!



It seems incredible that there can be any further price slashing on prices that are already well below cost, but such is the case at LANE, CRAWFORDS. The Ladies' Salon announce wonderful bargains in hats, and there is to be a final slaughter of prices in the dress department. Casual coats of the swaggy type, in durable tweeds, can be picked up for \$15, and the dresses begin from \$5. Special tables are laid the most amazing bargains of all. Jumpers and cardigans, in all the colours of the rainbow, in fancy weaves or plain, in simple sports styles and the more dressy types, go begging at \$4.50. In this batch we noticed an adorable white cardigan, buttoned with Mexican 'hats'. Shorts for the tennis field and slacks for the beach start from \$4 and \$6, and there are a number of good-looking Jantzen swim suits for below \$10. A nifty looking suit in figured jersey catches the eye as well as a three-piece version in floral silk.



If you don't already know that the VICTORIA RADIO SHOPPE is the most complete and up-to-date radio servicing depot in town, then it's about time you did! Here you will find the only tube-tester in Hong Kong which can efficiently test all makes of radio tubes, thus enabling this firm to repair your 1930 "no-go" expertly, tenderly and for a moderate fee. Or, perhaps you haven't got a radio, but are in the market for one—then they will cheerfully conduct you over their shop, show you what they have, and point out the various advantages of one set over another. You can then turn out your pockets and (short of a hole) they will fit you up with a set within the limits of your resources. Take your choice from a whole new range of 1939 Tolefunken models, and some of the finest sets you have ever set eyes on in the Zenith line. Look this firm up in Hankow Road, Kowloon.



Indispensable to the evening mode are teddies, which make their appearance at THE LINEN CHEST in some of the prettiest styles yet seen. A designer who knows the give you several models without idle seams. Thus ensuring a fit which is only second to that of your skin. A style which is bound to enjoy much popularity combines a satin pantie with chiffon bodice. Masses of satin flowers are appliqued on the bust. In a white satin is seen clusters of marguerites embroidered in cut work, and a brocade silk is trimmed with delicate spiral plants. All embroidery has been carefully omitted from the legs so as to avoid patterns on clinging satins or sleek velvets, and all prices are below \$10. Find THE LINEN CHEST in 210 Gloucester Building, and go early for the number is limited. Sizes cater for the 32 as well as 40.

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A few doors from the Star Theatre in Hankow Road is JOAN'S—a lively little shop, where dresses that really fit you, can be made to order. Here constructive ideas are the order of the day, and good tailoring is a gift rather than an acquired art. This shop is among the youngest of the Colony's dress-making establishments, but in no way can it be said that they lack the trade. Women are quick to realise a good dressmaker when they meet one, and a long list of clients is all the testimony this shop needs. Right now they are ready to take on a few more orders and can offer, if you like, a few carefully chosen ready-mades—selected for their good taste and ability to stand up to long wear. We want you to take note of the way seams are finished. To our mind, neat seams tell a more convincing story than style.



Baby-priced dresses are selling like hot cakes at DOLLY VARDENS, and the moment has come to warn shoppers that the stock is now limited. All hails should therefore be expressed if it is hoped to obtain real bargains, and to help you in your search we list here a few which took us by storm. Bargains in formal include an Empire taffeta in a soft shade of blue. The bust-length bodice is entirely made up of knife pleating and the same idea is repeated in the spreading hem-line. Quilling trims both, and a long length of midnight blue ribbon encircles the ribs to hang almost to the floor in front. A dinner dress comes in the unusual shade of gun-metal, and goes in for lots of drama in the way of drapery and ruffling. Two lengths of material start from each shoulder, cross over and under the bust, to wrap the waist at least two times. Black takes the stage among the frocks for daylight hours and quite the nicest one of the lot is a naive crepe with Peter Pan collar, and a bolero jacket trimmed with regiments of shining black buttons.



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I HAVE been asked why I omitted to give my readers a New Year message of hope, inspiration, and whatnot.

The reason is simple: they were not in a fit condition to read it.

The written word was not in demand. Literary enthusiasm was at a low ebb. The bulk of people were incapable of pursuing a single sentence to its conclusion. Their faculties could not cope with words of more than three letters.

Such I anticipated; and such proved to be the case. I made a tour of inspection to test the truth of my conjecture. I called upon a few acquaintances to examine conditions of receptivity.

In every house it was the same. The family was fish-faced. There was discoloration about its gills. Such few eyes as it bothered to lift at my entrance had the appearance of shop soiled oysters.

Lifeless, flitted bodies lay about sitting-rooms in haphazard

would I exhort my readers to virtuous New Year resolves at the moment when they regard the new year itself as an outstanding luncheon upon Time's fleeting foot.

Apart from these considerations I am prepared stoutly to assert that articles, like most things of any importance, are better late than never, but better late than early.

In this age of speed, what the world most urgently needs is more lateness. Everybody is rushing about trying to keep appointments, most of which were far better missed. Punctuality has taken the place of purpose.

If everybody, barring the cook, who was about to do anything,

clocks twice a year, it can alter them once a week.

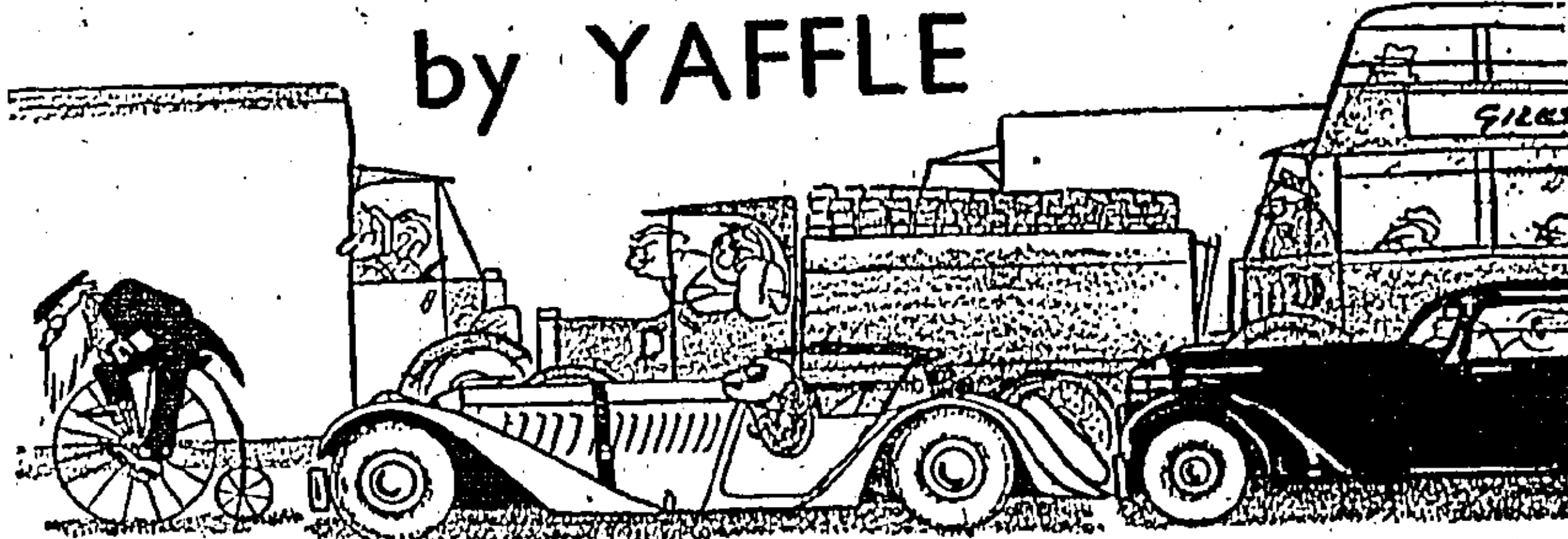
All clocks must be controlled from the G.P.O., and put back six hours every Sunday night. Then when they point to 7 a.m. and the people start getting up, they can be switched on again. The nation will then find that it is really one o'clock, and time to go to luncheon.

Monday morning will have passed without anyone noticing, and the powers of darkness will have been diddled.

I was nearly forgetting my New Year Message. Well, as I think I have indicated, civilisation has taken the wrong turning. We must go back a hundred or two years to the days before progress and punctuality were invented, and start again. As the poet meant to say:—

"Fall not for sorrow, falter not for sin."

by YAFFLE



potures, as if they had been shot there by the dustman. Limbs were nerveless; jaws hung loose; there was a cheese-like tinge to the complexion.

My reception was poor. There was less warmth in their welcome than might have been expected from a slug in the salad. It was clear that as far as those present were concerned, I was the lodestar of nobody's life.

I had that sense of utter devaluation, normally felt, I imagine, by a missionary whom a cannibal chief has discarded as unfit for human consumption.

I was not disturbed by this reception. It merely proved my contention that to write uplifting articles for New Year's Day is to waste one's sweetness upon the desert air. I could have copied a page of trains out of Bradshaw for all my readers would have noticed.

I was not disposed to throw away my erudition upon readers who, I guessed, could do no more than glance at the paper upside down, throw it away with a moan, and reach for the aspirin.

In postponing my New Year message until this week I was acting on the principle that successful propaganda depends not so much on saying the right thing, as saying it at the right time and on the right occasion.

Uplift, like upper-cutting, is largely a matter of timing.

One does not endeavour to change a man's political outlook while he is running after a bus, nor offer proofs of the soul's immortality to a goalkeeper who is about to face a penalty kick.

Neither, for similar reasons,

would put it off for a week, and think again, the world would be a sweeter place. A messenger at my elbow says that the printer does not agree with me. Give my love to Life's Fitful Fever, and tell him that life is short and art is long.

It is the custom to praise a man for being a fast worker. Yet, if one could describe in a phrase what is wrong with our civilisation, one would say it was a bit of quick work.

I know few more inspiring ways of spending a Sunday afternoon than to stand at the level crossing on the Tai Po Road and watch the cars being held up to wait for a train. It reminds me that there is still hope for the world while there are obstacles to Progress.

People should have learnt by this time that the more quickly we do things the less time we have. We need more procrastination. Punctuality is the thief of time.

Meantime, it is clear that New Year's Day should always come on a Sunday. It gives people time to recover from the opening ceremony. It is not good that Britain should face the New Year with the native hue of resolution sickled o'er with a pale cast of green.

When New Year starts on a Sunday the intervening day acts as a shock-absorber between conviviality and work.

It is quite simple. If the Government can alter the clocks twice a year, it can alter the calendar every December.

And while it is doing that it might as well make a clean sweep and abolish Monday morning, too. Can anyone deny that the week's work always starts too soon after Sunday?

The bad effect of Monday morning on the national morale is proverbial. On Monday morning, human nature is at its worst. Evil passions, which normally people make some effort to control, are given free play.

While there are Monday mornings the human race cannot improve. Man goes on getting better and wiser from Monday afternoon till Sunday night, only to fall right back into brutish ways on Monday morning.

What is the use of saying "Higher, higher, will we climb up the mount of glory. That our names may live through time in our country's story," if we resort to an inevitable as-you-were every Monday morning?

It was all right in the middle ages, when there was a holiday or two every week. But ever since the employers of Western Europe put it up to Luther to start a new religion, with no saints' days, the working week has been longer than virtue can stand.

Monday morning must go. If the Government can alter the

But backwards, backwards, till the goal ye win!
And it only remains for me to add:

"Ring Out the New, Ring in the Old!"

"No More Hard Labour," announced a newspaper. "Gauls Will Be More Like Home."

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Germany is buying up to 15,000 tons a week of Scotch coal.

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Yes, he should. For Germany, says Hitler, is united, and you cannot warm one part of the body Corporate without affecting other parts. The coal may warm the Nazi's heart.

(Bring your problems to Uncle Whatsit. Next week: Should telephone operators tell?)

Quite a number of people have now seen the Southwold sea serpent. But no one is yet able to give an exact description of it. Its nature, size, shape, origin, destination and purpose are still unknown.

For that reason we at least know the name of this vague and undefined monster that threatens us. It is "National Security."

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DAVID SPRECKLEY SAYS:

As Would Any Other Human Being Visiting The Camps, I Promised To Do Everything Possible To

BELOW we print an account of the gift distribution in Czecho-Slovakia under the auspices of the Peace Pledge Union.

It is from David Spreckley, who spent twelve busy months in Hong Kong working for the Society for Protection of Children, the P.P.U., Social Settlements and other similar organisations, and who arranged the distribution jointly with Mrs. E. M. D. Benjamin.

THIS gesture of the Peace Pledge Union has been completely successful and those who gave money may be assured that every penny of it was worth its weight in gold to the refugees. But the greatest value to them lay not in the gift itself so much as in the hopes for the future that it contained for them.

Their present conditions, unbearable as they are in many cases, are relatively unimportant. If they all had feather beds and five-course meals they would still be the most wronged and unhappy people in Europe to-day, for what is important to them is their future, life itself.

SUDETEN PRISONERS

At present, they are hardly living; time has stopped for them; they are surrounded by blankness in front of them, filled with a terror that every hour may be their last, that at any moment the police may come to herd them back over the frontier into Germany or else put them into concentration camps in this country.

These Sudeten Germans cannot stay in this country; although they are still citizens they are not allowed to work and never will be. Except in rare cases the Czech authorities make no attempt to conceal their desire to be rid of them.

One group told me how they had been spat on in the streets of Prague. In another camp, where there is a Czech in charge, they are treated like prisoners, have

Get These People Out

months. The rest, always hearing vague rumours and promises that never materialize, are in despair. Always they ask the same question: "Where can we go to, where do they want textile workers, a doctor, china painters, &c.?" "When will England let us come in?"

One young man, strong and well built, broke down and cried like a child as he told me of their continual hopes that were forever being dashed to the ground. Another old lady with tears streaming down her face clung to my hand, stroked my cheek, and kept saying: "For the children's sake, for the children's sake."

BRITAIN MUST HELP

But their courage under this mental torture is really wonderful. These are the most real socialists I have ever met; these are the people who have stuck to their principles in face of all the threats of Nazidom; and it is they who have been sacrificed so completely by Chamberlain at Munich so that England should have "peace."

For myself and for the PPU I have promised, as any other human being visiting the camps would have promised, to do everything that is possible to get these people out. For the majority of England can only be a clearing house, but for all it means safety and hope. Five thousand is not an unmanageable number; five thousand can and must be got out of Czecho-Slovakia in the next few months.



At the launch of the first German aircraft-carrier, Herr Hitler, upon his arrival in Kiel, being greeted by the Chief of the Navy, Admiral Bohrm. At left are Admiral Raeder and Field Marshal Goerring.

Behind The Scenes Glimpse At A Naval Agreement

THERE is much talk about the Anglo-German Naval Agreement now that the Germans have announced their intention of building to a hundred per cent parity with British submarine tonnage. There is no doubt that Germany has a right to do this under the Treaty. The question arises whether the British Government of 1935 acted rightly or wrongly in making the agreement. The official view in Whitehall is that it was a masterstroke of policy, the first great step in the process of 'appeasement', and an example to prove to all the world how easy it is to have good working arrangements between democratic Parliamentary nations and Totalitarian dictatorships. It is not possible to judge such matters without looking back to their origins.

We have to remind ourselves of the situation in the summer of 1935. The process is not pleasant because it shows us how hideously our affairs have deteriorated since then: In May 1935 Herr Hitler announced his intention of breaking the Treaty of Versailles by restarting universal military conscription in Germany. Most of his generals and advisers were shy about this, and warned him that the former allies would never allow him to take such a step. But as it turned out, he knew better than they. So he took the plunge. The result was the conference at Stresa, where Britain, France and Italy presented a common front against the Nazi repudiation of solemn engagements. This was the last set in foreign policy of Ramsay MacDonald, and without any doubt, it was his best.

THE Council of the League of Nations was convened. It formally condemned what was called in the jargon of those times, the unilateral breach of treaties. Thus not only were the three former allies all arrayed together, but the whole international and moral authority, then represented by the League of Nations, supported them. There was a combined opposition of force and of law to treaty breaking, which Germany, then practically unarmed, could certainly not have overcome.

HOWEVER, on June 18, the Anglo-German Naval Agreement was signed. As this became generally known, Europe was astonished to learn that the British Government had made a private bargain for themselves about naval strength with Nazi Germany, which completely nullified the agreement of the three allied powers at Stresa, and made the latest declaration of the Council of the League of Nations, ridiculous. British Ministers had it seemed condoned the breaking of treaties about naval strength at the very moment when they were urging the smaller powers

of Europe to make a combined protest against the breaking of the military clauses. This was a heavy blow at all international co-operation in support of public law. The Scandinavian powers had been represented at Geneva, they had joined in the protest against German army conscription. They now found themselves left high and dry, and the interests of Scandinavia and the Baltic, were profoundly affected. It became certain that the Germans would soon re-establish their old and vital command of the Baltic. The whole outlook of Scandinavia was changed.

Signor Mussolini had his designs upon Abyssinia. He might well have been prepared to lay these aside for the sake of a large and faithful combination of the

tests and warnings were unavailing.

LET us now survey the position of 1935 from Herr Hitler's point of view. He was concerned above all things with re-starting universal military service in Germany. He had already worked up in secret a considerable air force, but without a large conscript army he could not carry the policy of German expansion forward. Therefore, it was sagacious of him to make a concession to Great Britain about the navy, which would set her easy, which would break her great step with the rest of Europe and would help handspike the League of Nations.

But, did he even in the naval sphere give up anything that he

and wonder at the simplicity of those with whom he dealt.

WE are now confronted with the situation as it exists to-day. There is no fear of Germany overtaking Great Britain on the sea. The immense fleets now under construction in the British dockyards leave Germany running along far behind. It will take her all her time to achieve even a third of the total British tonnage. The U-boats in which she will soon have superior numbers and even tonnage to the Royal Navy, would be a serious inconvenience and injury to British commerce in case of war. But the methods of dealing with submersible craft have been developed out of all measure, and provided the British flotillas and anti-submarine craft are multiplied on high priority and a large scale, there is no reason to believe that the U-boat will be a decisive weapon.

Great Britain has incurred an avoidable danger, but a danger nevertheless, with which she can undoubtedly cope, though with loss and suffering. But now the Baltic is gone, the League of Nations is broken, and Italy is estranged. It would, therefore seem to be a mistake to hold up the Anglo-German Agreement, having regard to its setting and its consequences, as a model of the kind of arrangements we should seek to make in the future.

BUT a great danger still remains, we may be presented in the future with new proposals by Germany for so-called disarmament. The Nazi negotiators will say that if Germany are willing to accept a British Navy three times the tonnage of hers, surely Great Britain will accept a German air force twice three times the British strength. Thus the folios Great Britain has committed with one hand, may be made the excuse for another set of far more deadly follies being committed with the other. It would be far wiser for Great Britain to let the Anglo-German Naval Agreement lapse and let Nazi Germany build whatever navy she can, rather than that we should accept any limiting ratio in the air in breach of Mr. Baldwin's pledge to Parliament of air parity. Ministers who agreed to bind the British island to a permanent inferiority to Germany in the air, would be guilty of a crime against the life of the Empire. It would even be advantageous that German energies and their limited supply of material should be expended upon a naval race which they cannot possibly win, than that they should be concentrated upon increasing their air menace to the freedom and the safety of Britain.

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The Rt. Hon. Mr. Winston CHURCHILL

In This Striking Article Provides A New Angle on the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, With A Warning

three great former allied powers. But as he saw the British Government ready to make private arrangements, in what they deemed was their interest he felt that he might look after himself. If the currency of international good faith was to be debased in this manner, why should not the Italian mint be set to work too. From this inter alia a whole train of evils rapidly flowed.

ONE can understand the temptation of the German proposal to the British Admiralty. Before the War England maintained by great exertions a superiority of sixteen to ten in capital ships and two to one in cruisers and small craft. Now here was an offer from Germany to accept a ratio of only one third of British Naval tonnage, and consequently to resign on paper at any rate, all claim to the sovereignty of the oceans. When it was pointed out by me that the building by the Germans of a new navy one third the tonnage of the then antiquated British Fleet, would entail the complete rebuilding of the British Fleet, the Admiralty remained quite cool. They welcomed the German construction as a spur and pace-maker, which would procure the necessary funds from the British Government. Thus the Agreement passed smoothly through the House of Commons, and all pro-

wanted, or could do in the immediate future. Under the Versailles Treaty he had at that time hardly any navy at all. To have the right to build up to one-third of the British tonnage would absorb all the energies which Germany could spare from rearmament on land and in the air, for a good many years to come. The German resources in skilled labour, in suitable plants and in high-grade war materials have never been unlimited. The air came first, then the new conscript army and the navy could only be third. There was no chance of her overtaking Britain, and when Britain began to rebuild her Fleet in earnest this became more obvious than ever. But still if Germany had one-third of the British tonnage, she would secure the naval command of the Baltic. Thus to make the agreement gave Hitler immense advantages and cost him nothing. Moreover, if when Germany has succeeded in building one third of the British Fleet, she wishes to build more, how easy to say that the situation has changed, that the American building or Russian building has produced factors unforeseen in 1935, and to ask for half, two-thirds, or even equality, as has already been done in respect of U-boats. History will long admire Herr Hitler's shrewdness.



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The Balance Sheet

At the beginning of this year 1939 the whole world is longing for peace, but because of the ambitions of two men the whole world is apprehensive of war. This astonishing fact is a remarkable commentary on—if it is not a complete condemnation of—our civilisation. Let us realise the truth of it now at the turn of the year and let us add up our accounts in order to estimate our hopes for the future.

The debit column shall come first, and must contain a dismal list of the successes won in 1938 by the powers of aggression. Early in the year came the resignation of Mr. Eden from the National Government. Unfortunately it coincided with a violent personal attack upon him by Herr Hitler. Although we in this country are aware that the connection of the two events was purely fortuitous, it enabled the German Press to announce that "the Fuehrer speaks and Eden goes," and there were public rejoicings throughout Italy.

It was felt in Europe that the Dictators had scored a point and while it would be false to suggest that they had directly brought about Mr. Eden's retirement it is true to say that the Foreign Policy of Great Britain was henceforward to be less resolutely opposed to their demands.

WEEK-END ACT

The following month saw the destruction of Austrian independence and the transference of a population of ten millions to the Nazi Reich. This violent act was completed during a week-end without any previous consultation with, or subsequent explanation to, the Powers of Europe. The increase that it gave to the power and prestige of Germany was enormous.

Two months later it appeared that a similar blow was meditated against Czechoslovakia. For reasons which history will reveal that blow, if then intended, was not then struck. The French and British Press, with perhaps excessive enthusiasm, acclaimed a victory for the Democracies. How far such a claim was justified may be doubtful but the fact that it was made determined Herr Hitler upon a policy of revenge for a reverse, whether real or imaginary, and sealed the fate of Czechoslovakia.

As for what happened at the end of September, it may perhaps be best summarised by a recent statement by the Berlin Correspondent of the "Times": "It is of course Herr Hitler's view that no amount of American and British rearmament can offset the strategic advantage which the Reich obtained through the Czech-Slovak settlement."

FEROCITY**UNSURPASSED**

The events of the last three months have not justified the hopes of those who anticipated a slackening of tension, a calming of tempers and the cessation of international surprises and territorial demands. The language of German spokesmen has grown more intemperate and the violence and brutality of their internal re-

gime have increased. Some of the worst features of it are now being imitated by Italy, who has brought down the curtain on a tragic year by making demands for the cession of territory which she knows cannot be met and which have received the support and approval of Germany.

Meanwhile the wars in Spain and in the Far East continue. Foreign intervention in the former, one of the principal causes of international anxiety, has not ceased, and the Foreign Secretary has stated that—so far as Italy is concerned—it is not likely to cease until it has proved successful. Both wars are being conducted with a ferocity unsurpassed in any previous period of history and the bombing of civilian populations from the air has been so frequent that it must now be regarded as a normal practice in modern warfare.

THE CREDIT COLUMN

The credit column opens with the Anglo Italian Agreement and closes with the Anglo American commercial treaty. Unfortunately, the hopes of permanent improvement in our relations with Italy to which the former gave rise have

"So Far As The German Menace Is Concerned It Should Be Remembered That Increased Man-power Is Not Necessarily Increased Strength."

been damped if not destroyed by the Italian demands on France referred to above. There can be no friendship with Italy at the expense of France.

The treaty with United States, however, is an achievement of lasting value and to it must be added the continually increasing interest with which the people of the United States are contemplating the plight of the European democracies.

So far as the German menace is concerned, it should be remembered that increase of territory and of man power does not necessarily mean a pro tanto increase of strength. The easy going and pleasure loving Austria is already learning to loathe the stern and gloomy tyranny of the Nazis and the large Czech population that has been forced to accept the hated domination of Germany will prove a liability to their rulers in the future as they have always proved in the past.

It may also be permitted to one who has been an outspoken critic of the Munich agreement from the first to draw attention to one aspect of it which has already produced satisfactory results and may continue to do so. The people of Germany had been deluded into the belief that England and France were seeking to encircle and eventually destroy them. That was made the excuse for the sacrifices demanded of them such as the substitution of guns for butter as an article of diet. The myth was exploded at Munich. The most glib of people could no longer be persuaded that Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Daladier were out for their blood. Hitler was not slow to realise the ground he had lost and it is significant that in the first speech that he made after Munich he tried to recover it by

explaining to his audience that Mr. Chamberlain's tenure of power was precarious and that at any moment he might be succeeded by a more bellicose administration, the fear of which must justify the continuance and increase of German rearmament. This ingenious attempt to recreate the false beliefs so industriously spread can hardly have proved convincing and the growth of internal discontent in Germany may be a proof of its failure.

HITLER AND CHAMBERLAIN

Herr Hitler's reluctance to make any friendly or flattering reference to the Prime Minister since their last meeting may be further explained on personal grounds. Inordinately vain, he found himself for the first time no longer in the centre of the stage, because in Germany no less than in France and England, Mr. Chamberlain was the hero of the peace. Robbed of his beloved limelight, the Fuehrer has had resort to ill conditioned gibes at the "umbrella" type of politician although it is difficult to understand why one who in four and a half years of active service never rose above the rank of lance corporal should sneer at civilians or be particularly proud to strut about in a quasi military uniform.

Increased violence of language from press and platform, increased disregard for moderate opinion and a noticeable increase in the tempo of events are all symptoms of a growing uneasiness. Apart from the discontent that is due to harsher conditions of life and higher taxation, there is reported to be growing among the thinking population of Germany grave disquiet at the methods that are being pursued and their effect upon the mind of foreign nations. The robbery of the Jews, rendered necessary by the state of the country's finances, the failure of Dr. Schacht's attempt to induce Great Britain to grant Germany a pecuniary reward for having inflicted upon the world the fearful problem of finding homes and sustenance for thousands of starving refugees, the horror expressed throughout the United States at deeds so incompatible with any principles of civilised humanity—all these things which are beginning to get known in spite of a muzzled press are shaking the foundations of Nazidom.

NOT ON SOLID GROUND

While such developments give ground for hope that internal conditions may produce a more reasonable outlook, that ground is not sufficiently solid for any policy to be based on it. The result may be the opposite to what is desired. Too often in history have Dictators sought to cure discontent at home by adventures abroad. A lean tiger is more likely to spring than a fat one.

Upon one event in the year 1938 we can look back with sentiments of unmixed satisfaction. The visit of the King and Queen of England to Paris was something very much more than a state function. Owing mainly to the personalities of Their Majesties, it produced an effect upon the people not only of Paris but of the whole of France which it would be difficult to describe. It cemented an international friendship and set a personal seal to the bond which holds together for good or ill the two champions of liberty and standard bearers of civilisation in Europe.

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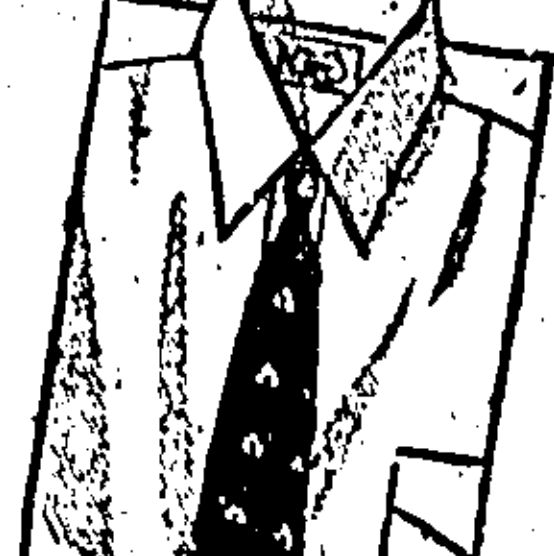
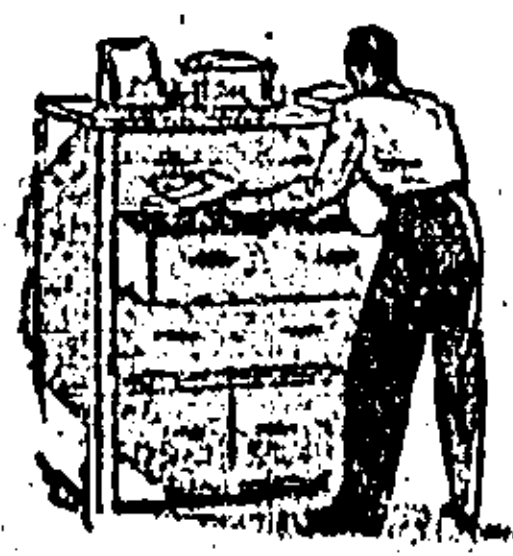
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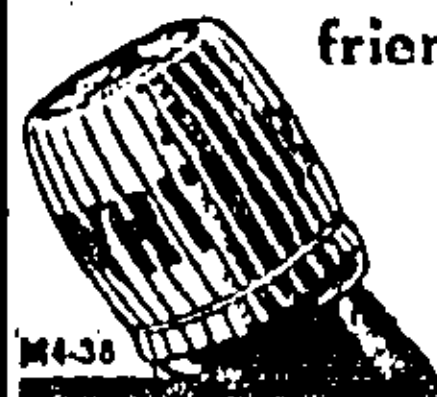
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FRANCE IN CRISIS

SINCE the days of Caesar the Gauls have been addicted to the practice of civil war. In twenty centuries they have not outgrown this unhappy propensity. It has been and it remains their principal source of weakness although it is due to some of the finest qualities inherent in the race.

English ignorance of Europe is in nothing more apparent than in the pictures that the Englishman draws of the various types which he believes to be representative of foreigners. All foreigners are in an Englishman's eyes slightly ridiculous. The comic traits which particularise a Frenchman are, so the English believe, levity, excitability and excessive gaiety. This is the opposite of truth. The French are the most serious people in Europe and the most sober. They take life seriously, they take politics seriously and, although it may surprise many people to hear it, they take religion very seriously indeed. A French politician could not denounce an opponent for pursuing a policy that must prove fatal to the interest of France and sit down to dinner the same evening with the man whom he had so denounced in an atmosphere of amity. That Englishmen can do such things and escape criticism is a standing source of amazement to England's neighbours, and the only explanation they can find for such conduct leads them to the conclusion that it is English people, not they, who suffer from incurable frivolity.

The same principle applies to religion. It is to be feared that in England there are too many people who are indifferent in religious matters, who never visit a Church save for a wedding or a funeral but who would unhesitatingly write themselves down "Church of England" whenever called upon to do so. But if a Frenchman does not accept the Church he is an "anti-clerical," because he believes that the Church is wrong and therefore he wishes to destroy it.

During the critical period through which we are passing, division of opinion in France is bound to be more profound and the outward manifestation of it more violent than in Britain. The minds of most Frenchmen of the wealthier classes at the present time are beset by two terrors and English people cannot properly appreciate their point of view unless they make full allowance for both. In the first place, they fear the vast military machine which is being constructed with ever increasing rapidity on the other side of the Rhine. In the second place, they dread Communism.

These conflicting motives have produced cross currents which have so confused the old political divisions and mixed up Right with Left that when the Comte de Paris, the Bourbon claimant to the throne, recently made a speech to his supporters, it was criticised on the ground of its leanings towards Communism!

There is no reason to believe that there is danger of revolution in France. Two elements in the nation's life give permanent grounds for confidence — one is a citizen army as loyal and patriotic as at any period of France's history. Another is a vast population of peasant proprietors, deeply attached to the soil of the country that they own.

The recent complete collapse of the threatened general strike goes far to confirm optimism, while it is to be regretted that the employers having had their victory must also insist upon having their victims. Again it is due to the implacable spirit of the logical serious minded people who cannot treat a quarrel like a game and shake hands when it is over. Before external threat the ranks would close with the rapidity of lightning and Europe would see again an united people. Whereas in countries where artificial unity is preserved by force in peace time, the day of battle would disclose the deep fissures which undoubtedly lie beneath the glossy surface.

If the significance of the British Note to Japan, insisting with the United States on adherence to the principles of the Nine-Power of the demarche. The Chinese oral impression was that its Treaty, has been lost upon Ambassador's sole satisfaction very amateurishness was contrived. Tokyo's leaders despite recent was the concluding speech of butury of the success achieved. credits to China, Pacific stresses Mr. R. A. Butler, whose care-A moment of aberration by a in the rearmament plans submitted to the United States did not conceal the readiness of suddenly become politically Congress, with Guam, Alaska the Foreign Office to use a conscious is the most difficult and Hawaii looming large, may prise on the closing door in thing to anticipate.

Signs are plentiful of Japanese consciousness of an impending showdown. Phrases in the British Note giving Japan opportunity for graceful descent from the high horse drew more attention than the challenge to make her position explicit. Guam fortification warning shocked Japanese naval circles into unconcealed alarm. A semi-official agency was permitted to circulate reports that Japan might, to achieve peace, grant more generous terms to the Chiang Kai-shek regime.

China's decision to suspend Mr. Arita, it is true, showed the servicing of loans secured no disposition in his speech to on the Customs from other the Diet on Friday, to retreat than Customs funds had a less from Prince Konoye's declar-damaging effect than was, at tion of December 22. The tone first, anticipated. Logic of the was noteworthy as indicative Chinese position was, of course, rather of the injured innocent difficult to assail. Criticism on than of the warrior rampant, the ground that the moment But were the speech to be inter-when foreign Powers were given as an answer to the Bri-ling more tangible signs of ish Note — to which the friendship was inopportune for French follow-up came as an suspension overlooked the fact anti-climax — it left little that, diplomatically and political doubt that the earnestness of ly, fresh encouragement and the British Government will be motive for a "Hands Off China!" put to the test. Placatory declaration was provided. Am- phrases, liberally interspersed, pla funds to meet China loan were no less ambiguous than service needs are, or should be, the language of which clarifica-held in suspense by Japan from means to go on, if the Powers stand aside and permit it.

Dr. Wellington Koo's attempt a not too well synchronised plot to stir League members to put the electricity grid sys-something more than benevolent-tem out of action. Explosions sympathy towards China unfor-occurred in many parts of the tunately coincided with the pre-country, but the damage, all in sentation of the British Note. all, was negligible, in spite of Excuse was afforded for fur-efforts to make considerable po-her procrastination, all being litical capital out of the events. "Anxious to await the results Accusations that the campaign

Europe's travelling facilities continued to be tested by diplo-matic journeyings. Negotia-tions between Italy and Hun-gary and Italy and Yugoslavia, between Poland and Germany and Poland and the Soviet, with Czechoslovakia contributing her quota internally and externally, justify the Italian comment that Europe is in a state of flux. Noticeable feature, however, is that the totalitarian States are making all the running, con-firming the belief that Munich and the Ribbentrop Paris trip between them secured for Ger-many and Italy a free hand.

Franco's drive against Bar-celona entered its fifth week with a record of steady progress in the offensive. Temporarily, the advance has been checked at Igualada, 38 miles from Barce-lona, but the weight being brought to bear on the Republi-can defences renders its fall in-evitable, unless France changes her mind against non-interven-tion. Paris has indicated clear-ly, however, that her policy will run parallel to that of Bri-tain, and Mr. Chamberlain's let-ter to Mr. Attlee confirmed the report that Mussolini would leave Spain only when victory was achieved for Spain.

For the parish pump came a report disclosing that Kowloon residents may be presented with a choice between preservation of their bitterly-defended trees in Nathan Road or double-decker buses.

SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas: By William McCance Democracy And The Ordinary Man

NOWADAYS there is so much tation in the animal kingdom be- rest with ordinary men. For it rest is they who preserve this non- all the time, that the supreme im- specialist among the animals; a specialised growth of the species, portance of the ordinary man to naturally lazy kind of beast, who and the elasticity and balance of that history which really matters would not accommodate himself too rapidly to any one particular —the development and perfection of the species of mankind—is al- environment. He played a game of "Wait and see."

In the Totalitarian States he is thought of, and treated as a kind of sheep which must be penned very thoroughly, may be fleeced from time to time, and led to the slaughter at the right moment. He is made to feel his inferior-ity and smallness as an individual, in order that he may accept his fate as a mechanised unit, a rigid cog, in the great Machine of State, which is going to cause such a big splash in the history of events. And so the shrunken man swells with national and racial pride, to compensate himself for his small-ness, and prepares for the splash which will precede his own anni-hilation. It will be a big enough splash all right, if that is any consolation. In a bath of blood!

The faithful (and unfaithful) Nazi has been forced to sell his birthright of individuality for a birthright of National Message. And what is in the pot? A kind of philosophical "bubble and squeak" concocted from a misreading of his recipe, formulated by Nietzsche, for making He-man pie.

Never, since the beginning of time, has a biological swindle, on such a scale as this, been per-petrated on a large section of mankind. It is a frontal attack on man's natural instincts for survival and development. Not by States can it be defeated; but by the ordinary man, as he has de-fied all attempts to stem the nat-ural flow of evolution in the natural flow of evolution in the natural life developed, however, past-by preserving freedom for the expression of his individual, mass of mankind, a fringe of selective function in the world. This leadership-phobia is bound general masses remained free from to pass. It is a matter of how specialisation, taking in equitably, much suffering the epidemic will along the line of the five senses, cause, before it passes. It is a just what could be assimilated historical reaction to immediate from this outer circle of specia- orients; a kind of disease within liers.

An unhealthy body politic, which, however, cannot really injure the ordinary men is to preserve the healthy core of mankind as a non-specialised mould, from which whole. But it can cause a great is cast this superb animal, man-ideal of anguish before the balance Superb, in spite of all his foolish-ness.

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The other animals adapted themselves too quickly to their immediate surroundings; and, when they were forced to leave their own ground, they were unable to put up any kind of show on a strange pitch. They died or were enslaved.

The large, gruesome specialists of the animal kingdom, who de-pended on their enormity as a means of protection and intima-dation, ate themselves entirely out of existence. The world was too small a place to hold them. They are defunct.

The wily creature, man, on the other hand, was an individualist with a roving disposition. Never quite satisfied. He turned down one environment after another, and passed on, content to use his body as it was, and to pick up what he could as he went along.

By continually using what equipment he had, he arrived at the comparative perfection of his body, limbs and senses; and, through them, of his brain. His hands, which he did not benumb into hooves or protective pads, be-came perfected by use, and have never let him down no matter where he wandered.

It was because he was a non-specialist, then, that man has reached his present eminence in the animal world. As his com-plex life developed, however, past-by preserving freedom for the expression of his individual, mass of mankind, a fringe of selective function in the world. This leadership-phobia is bound general masses remained free from to pass. It is a matter of how specialisation, taking in equitably, much suffering the epidemic will along the line of the five senses, cause, before it passes. It is a just what could be assimilated historical reaction to immediate from this outer circle of specia- orients; a kind of disease within liers.

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But just hear what Herr Hitler has to say in "Mein Kampf" about the future of the education of the youth of his country:—

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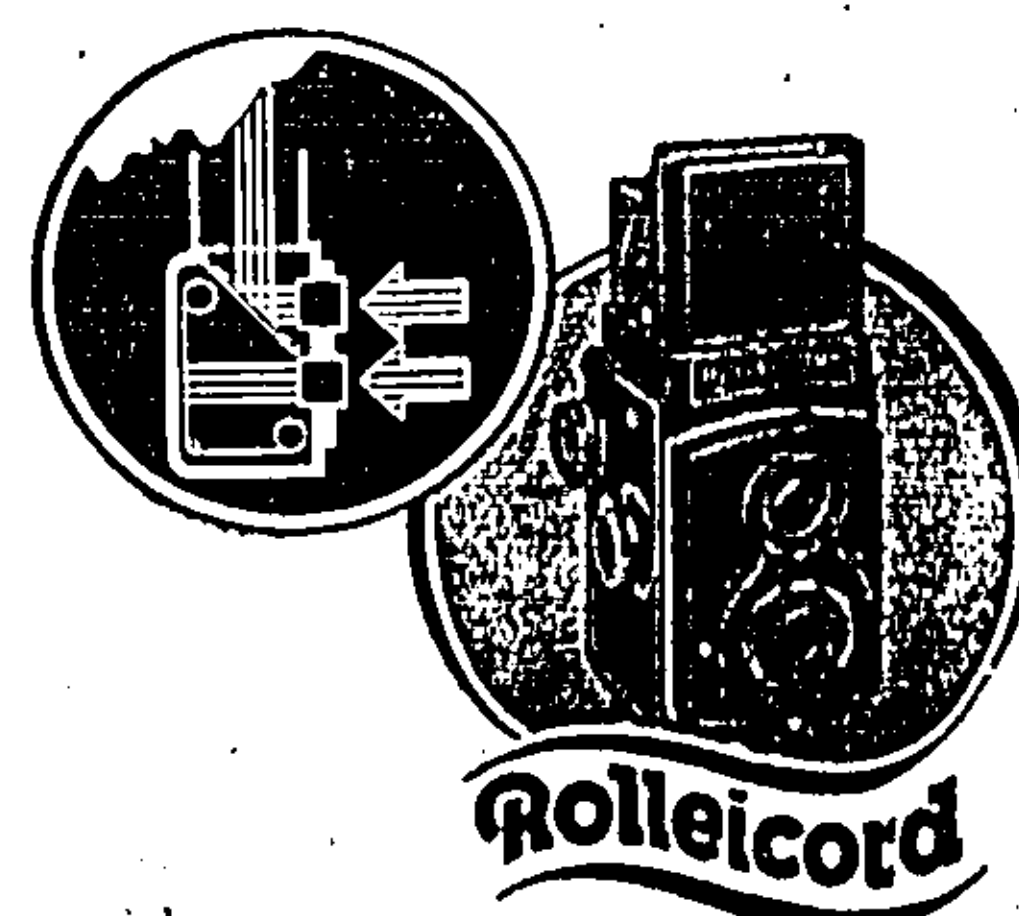
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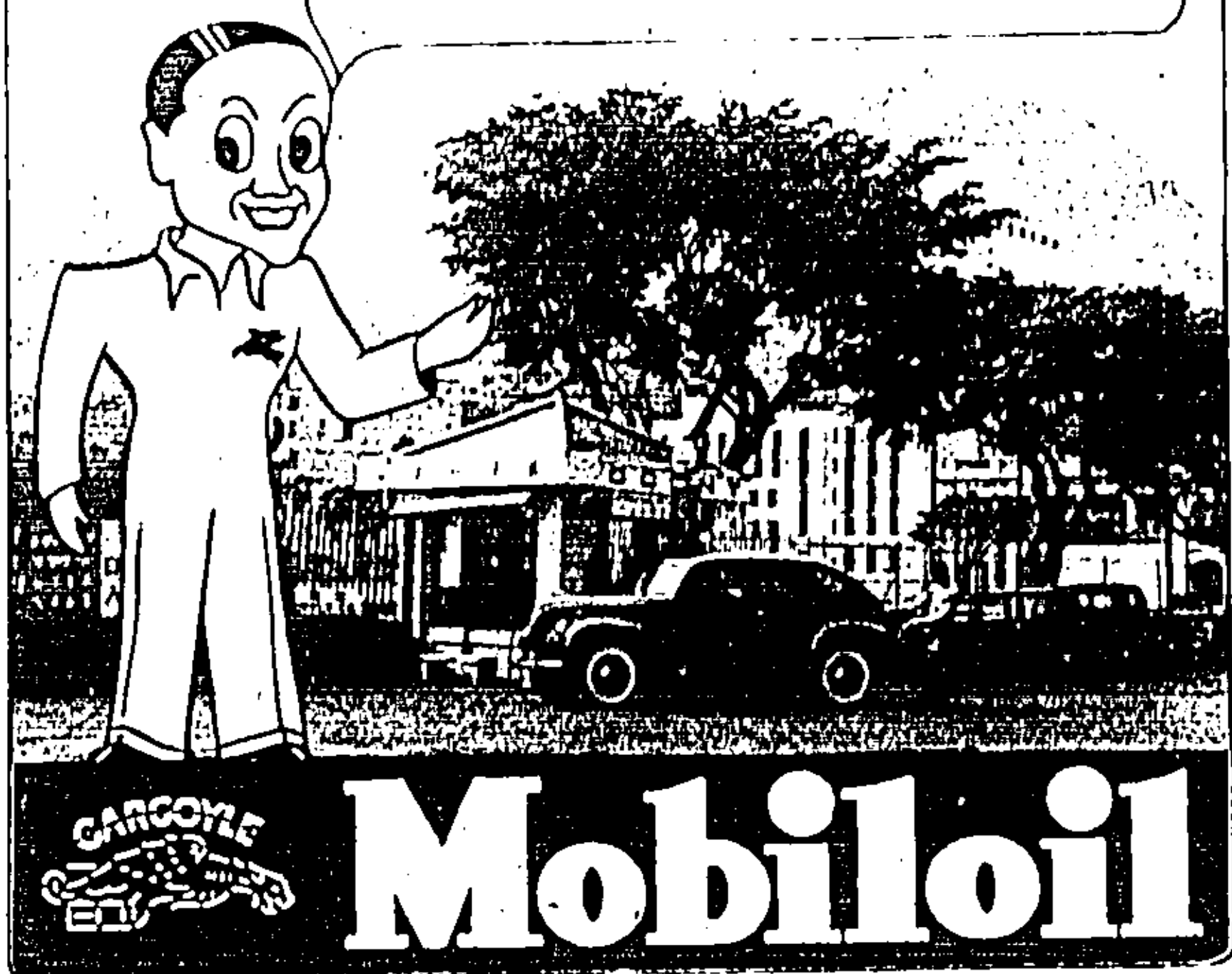
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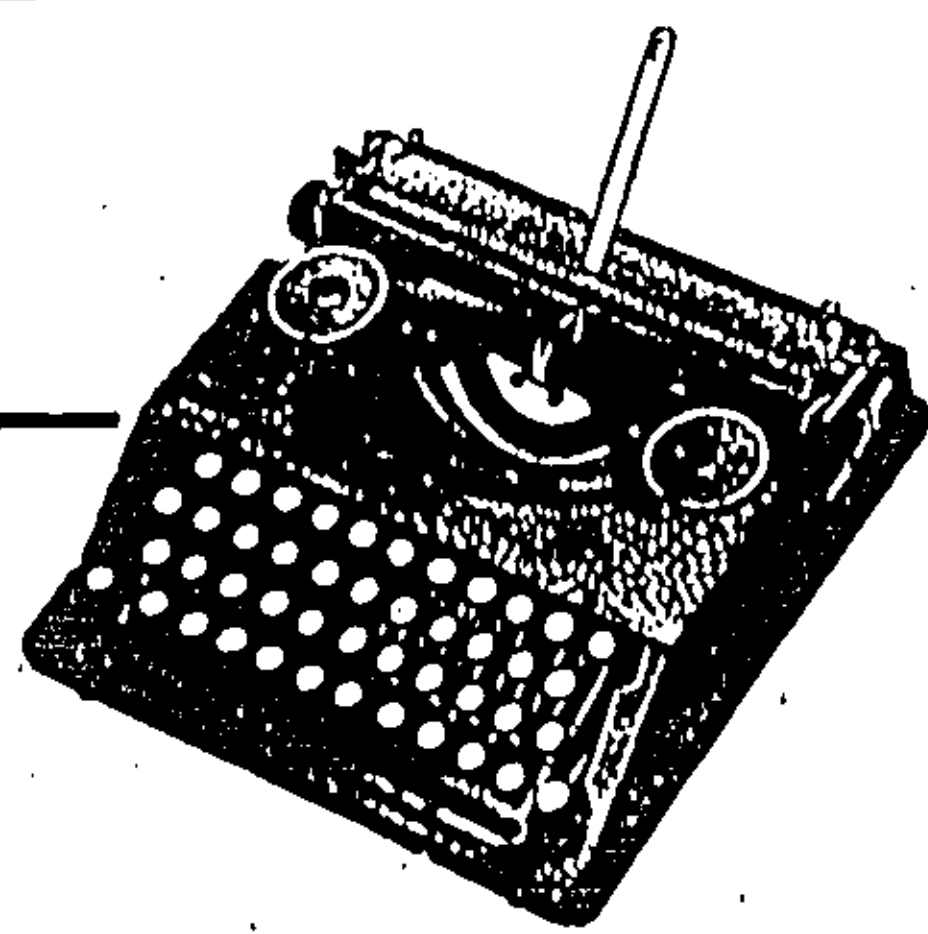


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The Week's Photography

THIS MONTH'S
SUBJECT:
'ACTION PHOTOS'



"HURDLING:" By J. S. C. Cheung.



"SHE'S OUT:" By L. J. Remedios.



"GOOD FOOTWORK:" By C. Gaskin.

By "Shutter"

MANY thanks, Mr. Fielding, for your detailed letter and enclosures regarding the S. & S. Camera Club, and my thanks also for your invitation to come along some Thursday evening, an invitation I have pleasure in accepting.

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way, a pity for Sig. S. Brewer's three entries were rather interesting efforts for this month's subject.

I don't think the classic slopes of Hampden could have produced any better study than Mr. L. K. Ki's "Goal." I should imagine that this effort will appeal greatly to lovers of the game for it assuredly shows a shot well and truly on its way to the net. A very good effort all round.

It is rather a pity that the figure on the extreme left of Mr. J. S. C. Cheung's "Hurdling" is partly visible. In a way this has detracted from the centre figure who appears to be taking things in her stride and who has been very well caught indeed. Trimming on the left, had it been possible, and trimming on the right would, I am sure, have produced a most creditable study of action.

The entry, "She's Out" by Mr. L. J. Remedios, is not, I am afraid, all it might be, both focussing and timing being incorrect so far as I can judge from the enlargement, but the subject is fairly well conveyed.

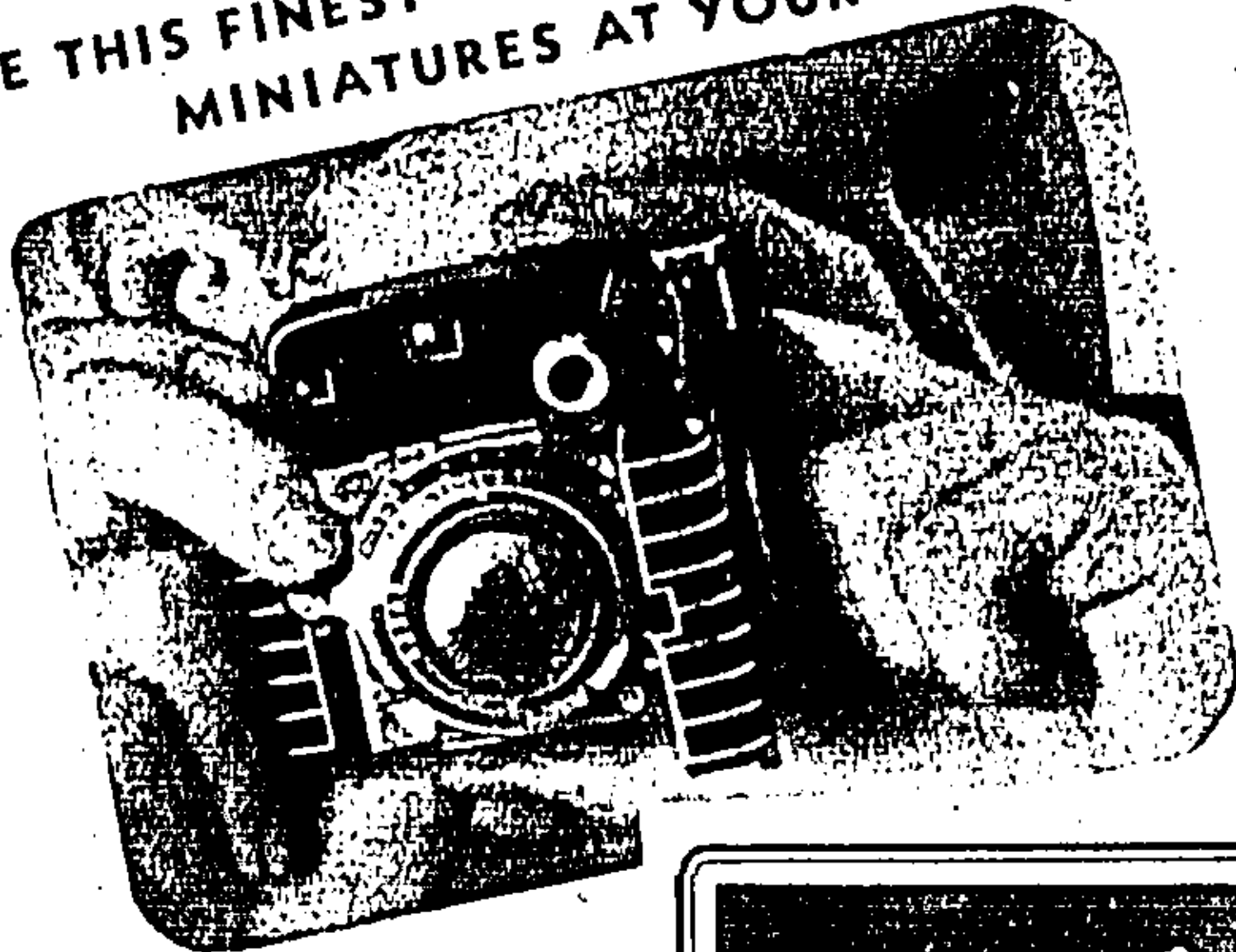
I was interested in Mr. C. Gaskin's entry "Good Footwork." It is unfortunate, however, that the attention of the potter himself was taken up by the photographer when the snap was taken and that his hands were not employed, as I rather imagine they should have been, in shaping the vessel to come. Otherwise it is an interesting study of action in a form entirely different from the studies published to date.

be, is a gilt edged investment.

Incidentally, the Annual Exhibition is coming off shortly and, some worthwhile prizes are being offered. Application forms are to be had at most dealers or may be obtained from the "Home."

Another good week for entries. I am sorry the dictates of space prevent me from publishing more than is possible. Print sizes are also more in line with requirements. Only one entrant sent in prints too small to be satisfactorily reproduced, which is, in a

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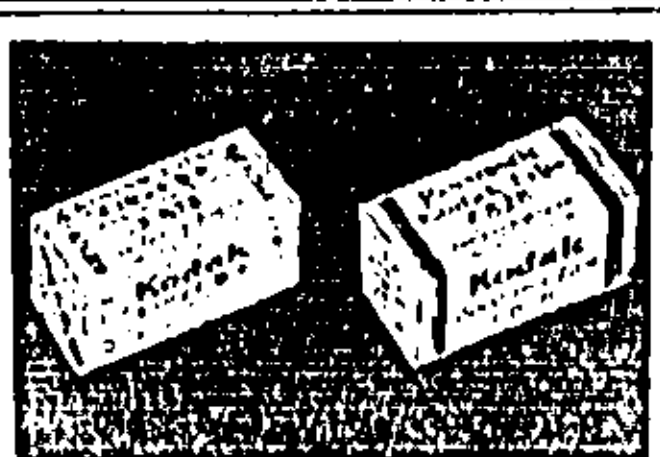
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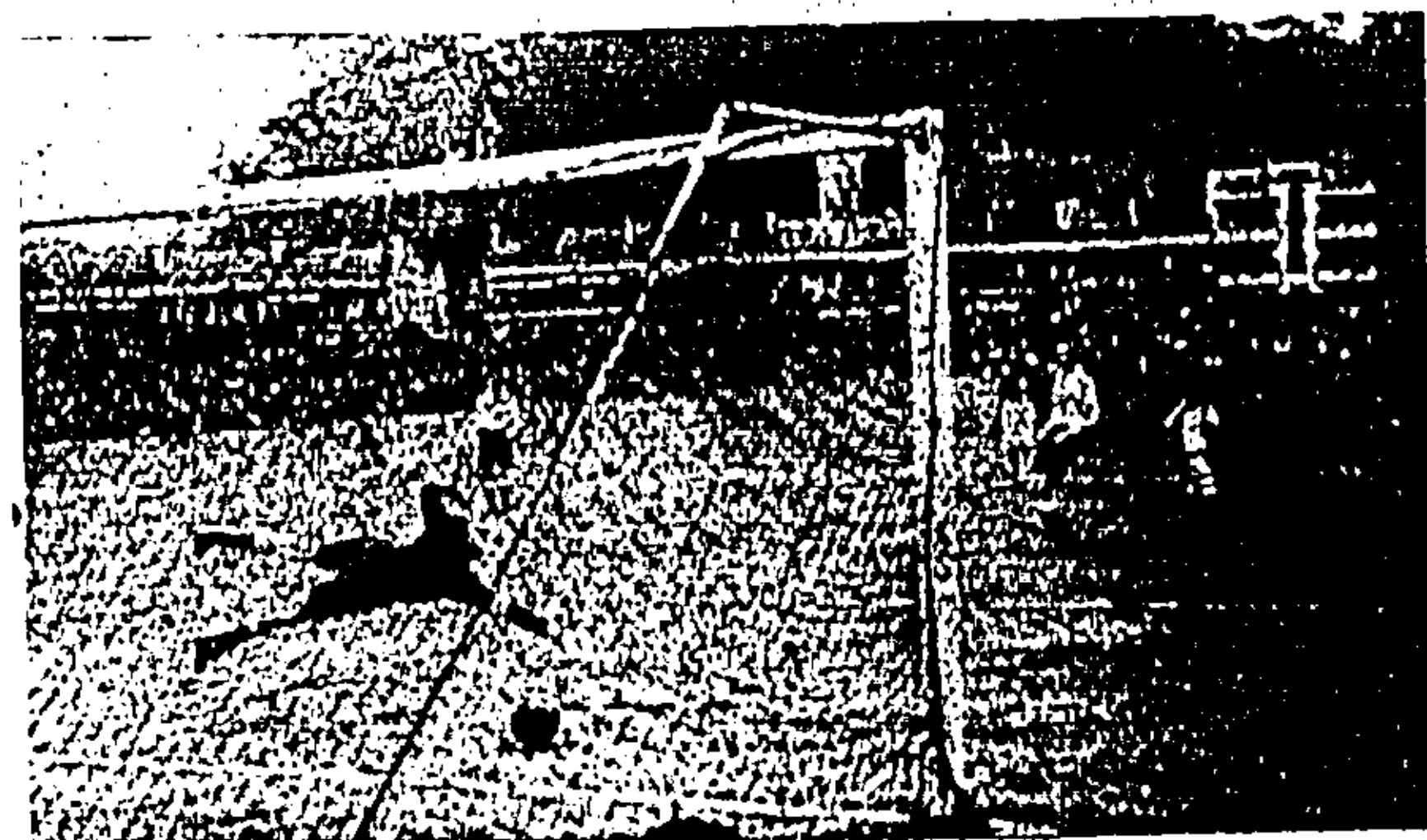
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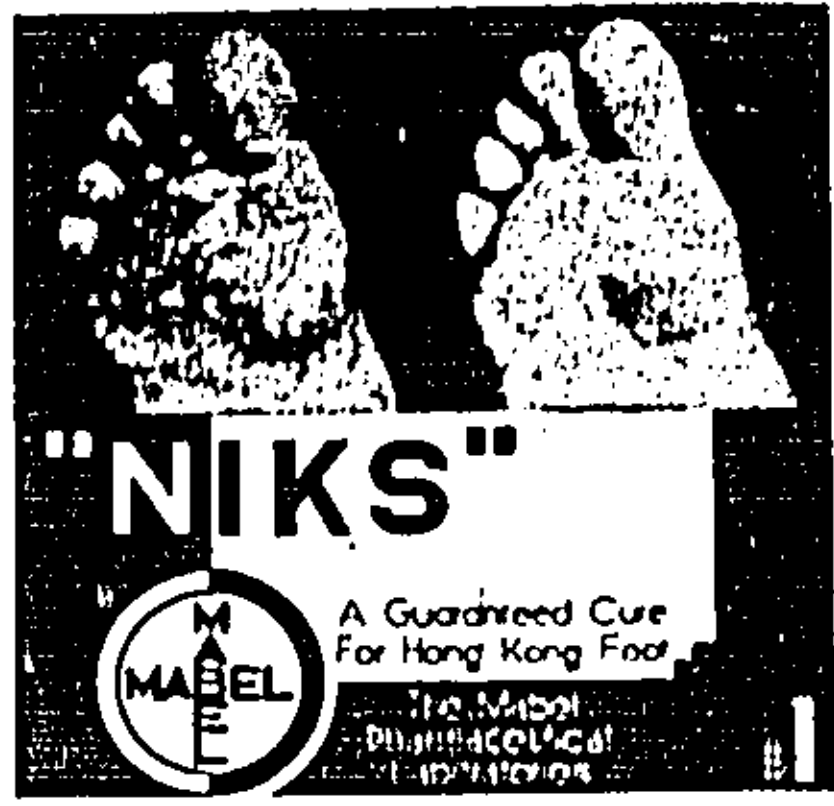
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"Let's not go looking for trouble".

I HEARD a man say, "That's bunk!"
"What's bunk?"
"All this stuff about my country right or wrong."
We were discussing war and peace.

We were at it all day long, eight girls and eighteen boys. They were as nearly an average group as you could get. They were between the ages of twenty and twenty-eight like the millions of the same age who would, if not make, certainly wage the Next War, if and when.

Twenty to twenty-eight or thirty is the best age for a fighting man, unless you are a pilot and then eighteen is better. It is cleaner to be a pilot but the mortality (in Spain) is about ninety per cent. in a year.

This is also the age at which the most women in wartime are elected to say the goodbyes, to marry or not to marry—and it is open to dispute which is the best if you haven't some way of knowing that he is going to come back. It is also the age at which women are apt to have children in arms, which is a great drawback when the air-raid sirens scream and you have to run for the shelter. Modern war, which has made such advances that now bombs can drop out of a silent, speckless sky, plays no favourites, but it is especially hard on the men and women in the twenties.

They had been fine. All day long they sat about and, because this

thing was important, produced their ideas on war and peace and listened to each other. They were glad to have the chance to discover what their fellows and, I wouldn't be surprised, what they themselves thought. They were, of course, less interesting on raw materials than "on my country right or wrong."

OUT of a day's talk—some of it very good, as that mysterious process of catalysis that can operate in any conversation, began to work—came no formal conclusions. Far from that, perhaps, is the proof that this forum on War and Peace was conducted according to plan, not to convince our eight girls and eighteen boys of anything at all, but discover what were their



"We can't tell what we'll do when the war drums start beating".

Ideas about this business that concerns them now most of all.

What we found from each other, with each other's help—was, succinctly, this:

That they will not be led, if they can help it, on any adventure whatsoever.

That they are very chary about making things "safe" outside our own borders, very chary indeed.

That whatever their ideals for international co-operation, they have lost all belief in the validity of treaty structures.

THAT they do not think war imminent but see its threat on every hand.

That the old shibboleths have lost their potency and the crusader, the volunteer, is apt to be a "damn fool." Ideals are at dead centre, even the pacifist ideal.

And that they are apprehensive, terribly so, as to what will happen "when the heat is put on" to their thinking and to their persons.

After a decade in Central Europe a correspondent worth his salt can distinguish a Fascist, a Bolshevik, or even a simple Liberal, with his eyes closed. This is a talent of great importance in societies that have come apart or are about to. But with the forum I failed miserably and had to resort to a pocket album gotten up for the occasion.

Their faces put me off.

Nice faces they were, accustomed to looking into a future that is still soft and veiled like the atmosphere in the valleys, and not harsh and clear as on the sportsplatz where youth is doomed and knows it even

when it whistles furiously in the dark.

STARTING at the beginning, we settled down to define our terms, War and Peace.

We had no end of trouble!

What is War? A dictionary, discovered in this golf club, said, "A contest as between states carried on by force; armed conflict; state of hostility; enmity."

What then about the relations of Hitler's Germany to Schussnigg's Austria? The maintenance of armed opposition to the Austrian government within and without Austrian borders, the invasion of Austria, and finally its absorption?

War?

They think not.

Peace, then?

The dictionary disgorges this definition of Peace, "lack of armed conflict."

Is the successful use of armed force to impose a bluff, Peace as long as there is no bloodshed?

They are inclined to think so.



"Remove the possibility of gain and you won't have wars".

Are Germany and Czecho-Slovakia at Peace, with a German-directed minority boring from within the Czech state, with German troops massed ready to gobble the banana-shaped eastern neighbour? We decide that it cannot be said they are at War and we do not know when and how Hitler's inimitable military methods can be said to transgress the limits of peaceful behaviour.

And we even wonder whether, with his methods so successful, there ever need be Wars in the conventional sense again.

Are Germany and Italy, whose troops and materials are at General Franco's service under German and Italian command, at war with the Spanish Republic? The powers, including the United States, have not found them to be. And so we think that perhaps we have discovered the formula for avoiding war: don't declare it.

Nevertheless, we do feel that there was war in Manchuria, war in Abyssinia, and that there is war in Spain and China.

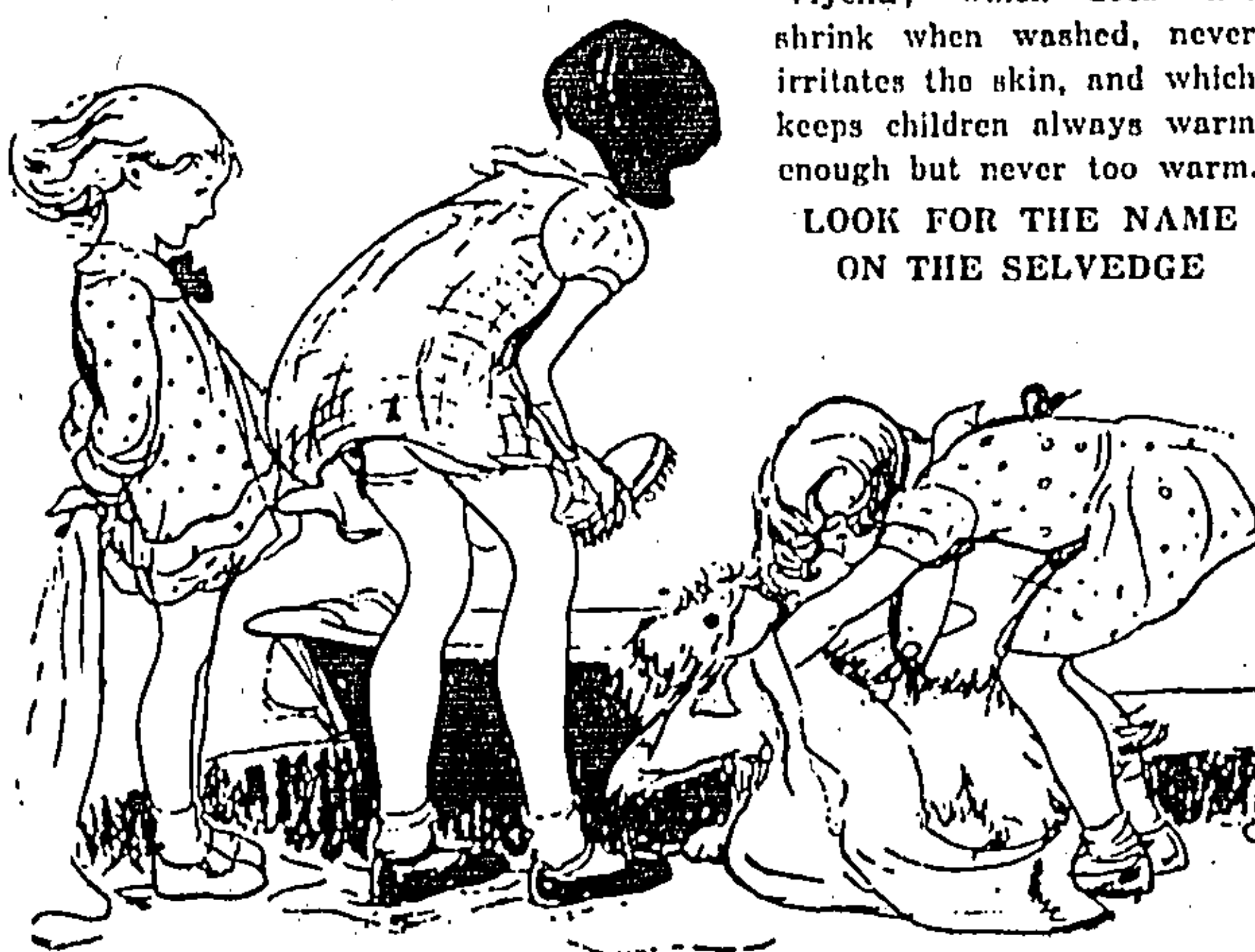
It being in the nature of the human animal to shy at the last pit that trapped him, we consider—of course—the old dangers first. The French General Staff is always preparing to fight the last war and our pacifists to keep out of the last war, someone has said.



"Propaganda can do strange things with us".

"Any war is a 'defensive war' when cannon fodder is needed".

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"World morality is possible".

"Women are naturally against war".

So what the new dangers? We explore.
What about the swarming of the Fascist hive in Europe?
We are unanimous that it has only begun.

"Will it stop with the conquest of Eastern Europe?"
Only three think it will. One girl says, very grimly, "I don't see that the unification of Europe under the Fascists would be such a tragedy. Napoleon tried it, after all."

After Europe—where?
Russia or South America or both? Voices are raised to nominate Communism as a menace. And there is agreement that any crumbling of the domestic social structure would carry a danger to peace.

We go on reading the stars. Someone insists that war is inherent in the capitalist system. A dark-eyed girl whose thinking about the society into which her child was born is "radical" explains, on request, why.

Eighteen quickly agree that the rivalries of national capitalism for markets is the ever-smoldering fuse to the bomb of war.
We are for some kind of international morality.

But we despair when it comes to agreeing on simple principles.
"What sanctity has a treaty?" I ask—anxious, for I have watched treaties arrived at and know what work it is.

"None, it would seem to me," says a girl.



"It's human nature to fight".

"Nine-power treaty in China? Pact between thieves," says a young man heatedly.

Democracy?
We agreed that it had lost some of its glow, that it was not as easy to "sell" us of old.

How then to "sell" a new war? With what slogans?

"Protect our political heritage!" "Stop Hitler and Save Civilisation!" "Democracy or Fascism." "War for Freedom." "Fight for Justice, Law and Order, against International Anarchy." "Fight the Isms!" "War To End Unemployment."

And then we thought of "breaking down" the word "democracy" to find what it meant.
"The minimum decency!" someone said.

There was no difficulty in finding out what those minimum decencies were. What we evolved came out to be almost the Bill of Rights, word for word.

But no one asked for a crusade. They know now how they feel about war.



"Chemist though I am, I won't experiment on explosives and gasses."

"I'd give my life for freedom."

ON WAR & PEACE

In a defensive war—they rule out any other kind—over half said they would enlist and the rest would wait for the draft.

"I'd like my husband to enlist if we were fighting a war of defence," said one girl proudly.

Two said they would not fight even if drafted. Few had any illusions about the fate of the objector, however.

"They imprisoned them in the last war and the next time there will be so many that they'll have to be shot," said a student of politics.

Will pacifist movements help?

Half say yes and half say no.
"People shun such movements as being revolutionary," is the opinion of the son of an established family.



"That kind of adventure I don't want".

The driver of a bakery van thinks there is a chance if women organise on an international basis.

It is up to youth, says a switch-board operator, "Youth is the guiding hand of to-morrow."

"Prayers and wishful thinking aren't enough," says a keen young man. "The connection between war and profits must be recognised."

"Keeping neutral will never keep us out of war," says the student who has travelled abroad. "It's like shutting oneself up in a house, with all one's food and possessions and a couple of guns, while the rest of the community is being converted to brigandage by a few unscrupulous individuals."

Their mood of skepticism is not all-inclusive.

The majority of both boys and girls they would not hesitate to marry in the event of war. Yet some said:

"When a man goes to war he ought to have no attachments."

"War is like a disease; I would postpone marriage until I knew my chances to live were greater," says the advertising man.

"War changes, sometimes, a man's philosophy," said one girl who has been reared in army circles.

One boy finds that not to marry a girl one loved before going to the wars would be "sheer cowardice." A girl says, "The man I am engaged to is an officer. We would be married at once; we have already discussed it."

Only one girl said that she would hesitate to bring a child into a war-menaced world. Her reason was that no child should risk being brought

up without a father. "We have to go on living," was a typical comment.

The Camp Fire leader says, "I wouldn't hesitate to have a child. Children have lived through worse world conditions than these."

They are not sold on war.

"If living in muck, beset by lice, being hungry, uncomfortable, getting mowed down by machine-guns is appealing adventure, then let somebody else make the most of it," says a quiet boy, son of a well-to-do family.

"I suppose that war offers adventure of a sort; so does death if you are philosophically explorative."

As to uniforms. . . . "I have a violent allergy to brass buttons and brass hats," says one young man.

A sensitive girl says, "But, darn it, I do think a uniform enhances a man's appearance."

But what will happen when the heat is put on?

They wish they knew.

And they are apprehensive.

"The propaganda machinery is a hundred times more powerful to-day than it was in 1917," says a young instructor.

"But there are antidotes," someone said, "for the old wateries have lost their potency. People are suspicious. The war crowd. . . ."

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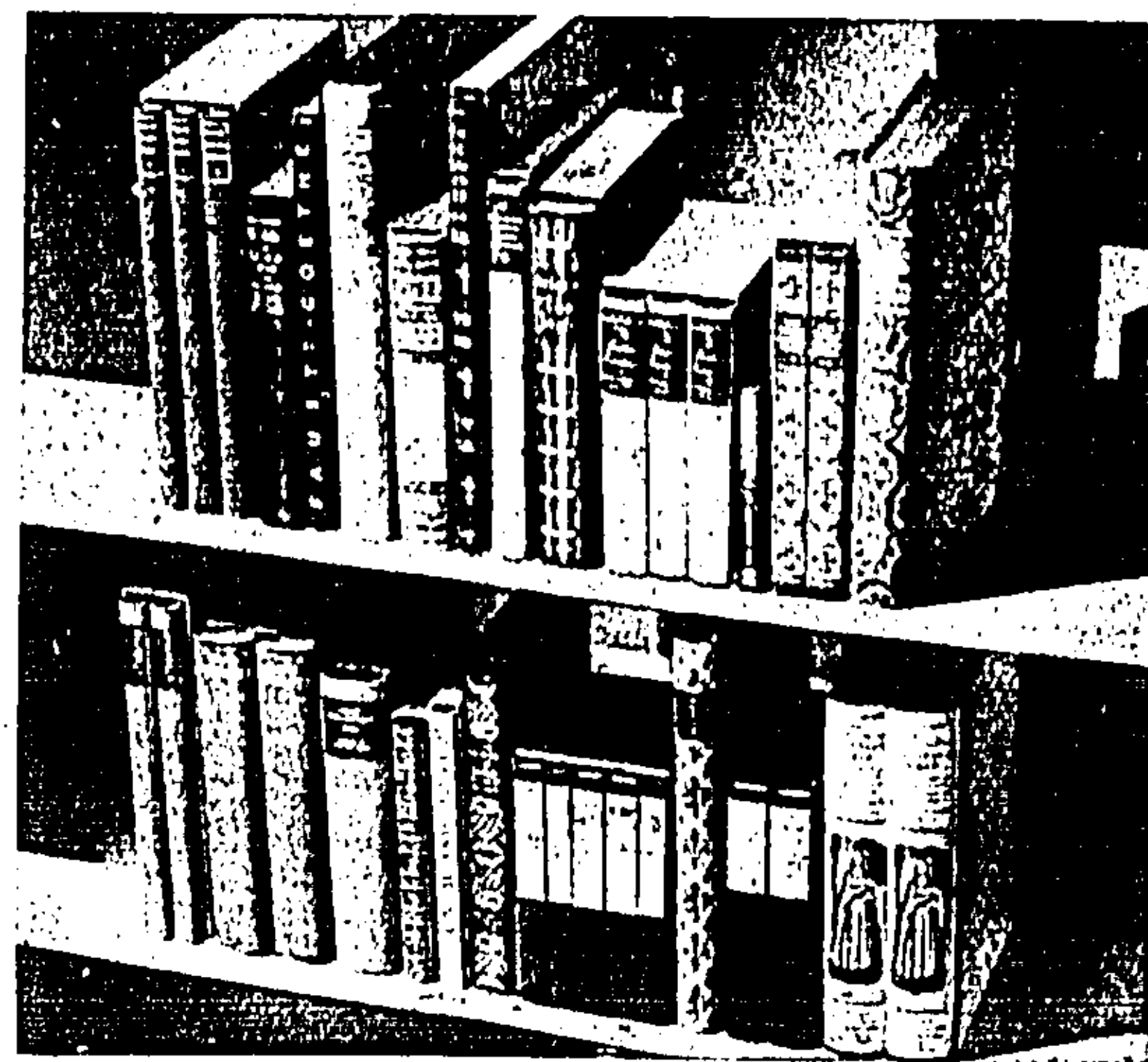
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I HAVE never had to make the irrevocable choice of one book for a desert island and I am reasonably sure I never shall have to; yet if such a contingency should arise I know quite well where my choice would fall: not upon Homer or Vergil; not Dante, Shakespeare, or the Bible; but upon a random volume chosen from the publications of the so-called 'learned societies,' whose minutely great compendiums of minutely small knowledge line the shelves of every college library.

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IN these weighty volumes the disorderly mind and the freedom-loving imagination can find full value of danger and pleasure. This is no place for one who likes his facts neatly wrapped, tagged, and ready for delivery. Let the ordered mind beware! These are the country roads of scholarship: the wheel-worn path that leads to the village dump; the log road zigzagging its way to a high clearing where a solitary spruce stands guardian of the surrounding second growth. These paths are for the wanderers, the vagabonds of the world, those who will journey all day through the hidden valleys and the darkened groves,



caring little where night will find them, content alone with the roadside sights and sounds. Only such a person will ever be a learned-journal addict.

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THERE is always some first pleasurable sensation that makes an addict of an otherwise normal person. For me this was a matter of sound, a delight in rich vowels and sonorous words. The Publications of the Modern Language Association, The Journal of English and Germanic Philology, Speculum, and the Early English Text Society — I spoke them slowly, savouring each syllable; I spoke them trippingly on the tongue; I chanted them in rhythmic cadence, with more than Gregorian fullness of tone. In a word, I became quite drunk on them. And then, one fatal day, I took the second and final step toward becoming an addict. I opened a volume of the P.M.L.A. — volume 31, to be exact — at two o'clock one January afternoon. Four hours later I was still avidly reading and saw no signs of ever getting around to looking up the required reference. But what shoes and ships and sealing wax, what cabbages and kings I had learned! Where the unicorn first reared his storied head among the roses and the sands of the East, and why such a lordly creature was blessed with only one horn; what Dante ate when he went out to dine, and what Sam Johnson had for breakfast, became matters of everyday knowledge, while the cloud completely cleared from about the knotty problem of Chaucer's father-in-law's stepson and Milton's grandfather's trip to the Orient. I could even give short talks on thirteenth-century plumbing.

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FROM that day my reputation grew. I became a member of the elite, the eternally busy students who look up all the suggested references. But alas! I never did learn the inside story of the dating of *Troilus and Criseyde*; I became instead an authority on fourteenth-century food and drink; Milton's debt to Ovid strikes no chord in my memory, but I do know exactly what herbs will cure heart disease, that 'common ailment of the young toward the vernal equinox', as one twelfth-century physician put it. If the facts of Shakespeare's life escaped me, the colour of his eyes and the status of the seventeenth-century Bed did not. Instead of becoming an authority along the worthy lines my professors suggested, I became an authority on

all the trivia and debris of the centuries. I walked along the beach of scholarship, picking up and making mine the orange peels and wave-smoothed glass, the bits of wood and tasseled rope that the tides had floated in from the depths of poetry and legend. A length of battered hemp may be just another piece of rope, and a learned article on 'floures whyte and rede' may be just another footnote to one's *Middle English Reader*. But a piece of rope may have been part of a new hoisted skull and crossbones, or it may have been the one piece of rope that did not hold; and the 'floures whyte and rede' may cast loose all symbolism and become real English daisies in real earth, flowering in a growing garden with a flesh-and-blood Emily.

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WHERE classical legend jostles a minute bit of historical fact and Oriental magic mingles with the fine points of Aristotelianism, you can read for hundreds of pages and never touch the same subject twice, for the turning of every page brings you to a new country and a new century. Stay-at-home souls can spend their afternoons reading one book, knowing that there are 361 pages in the book and that each and every page concerns itself with Milton's family; give me a grab bag where Milton's family may put in an impromptu appearance at any moment and may choose to remain in seclusion for weeks at a time.

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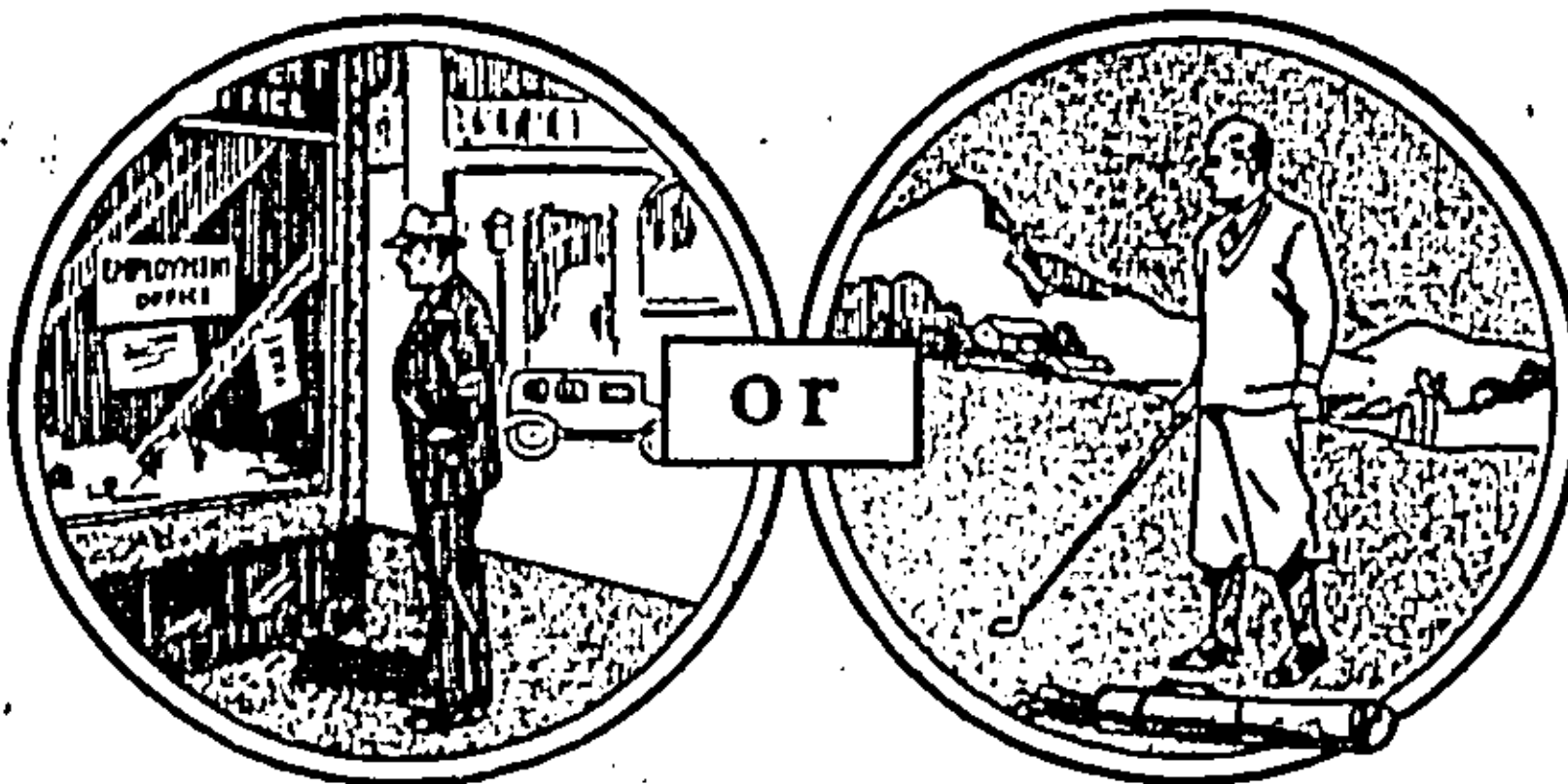
WHAT a help in the drawing-room these volumes have proved to be! Genealogy, military history, gardening, or even the weather—no matter where my dinner partner's conversation may lead me, I can still find, tucked away in some corner of my memory, the odd fact or allusion that will fill the gap left by yesterday's rain and tomorrow's snow.

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'DRY as dust' is the conventional term applied to the scholarship of the learned journals; less complimentary is the term usually applied to those who read them for pleasure. There is, however, no statute against eccentricity even in its most advanced stages, and so to-day, when friends discourse to me on the sterility of scholarship, I reflect to myself how much less fun life and literature would be if I did not know that Chaucer ate violet and onion salad, and that Charlemagne's pet elephant, walked all the way from Indo-China for the blossoms from the Emperor's best rose tree.

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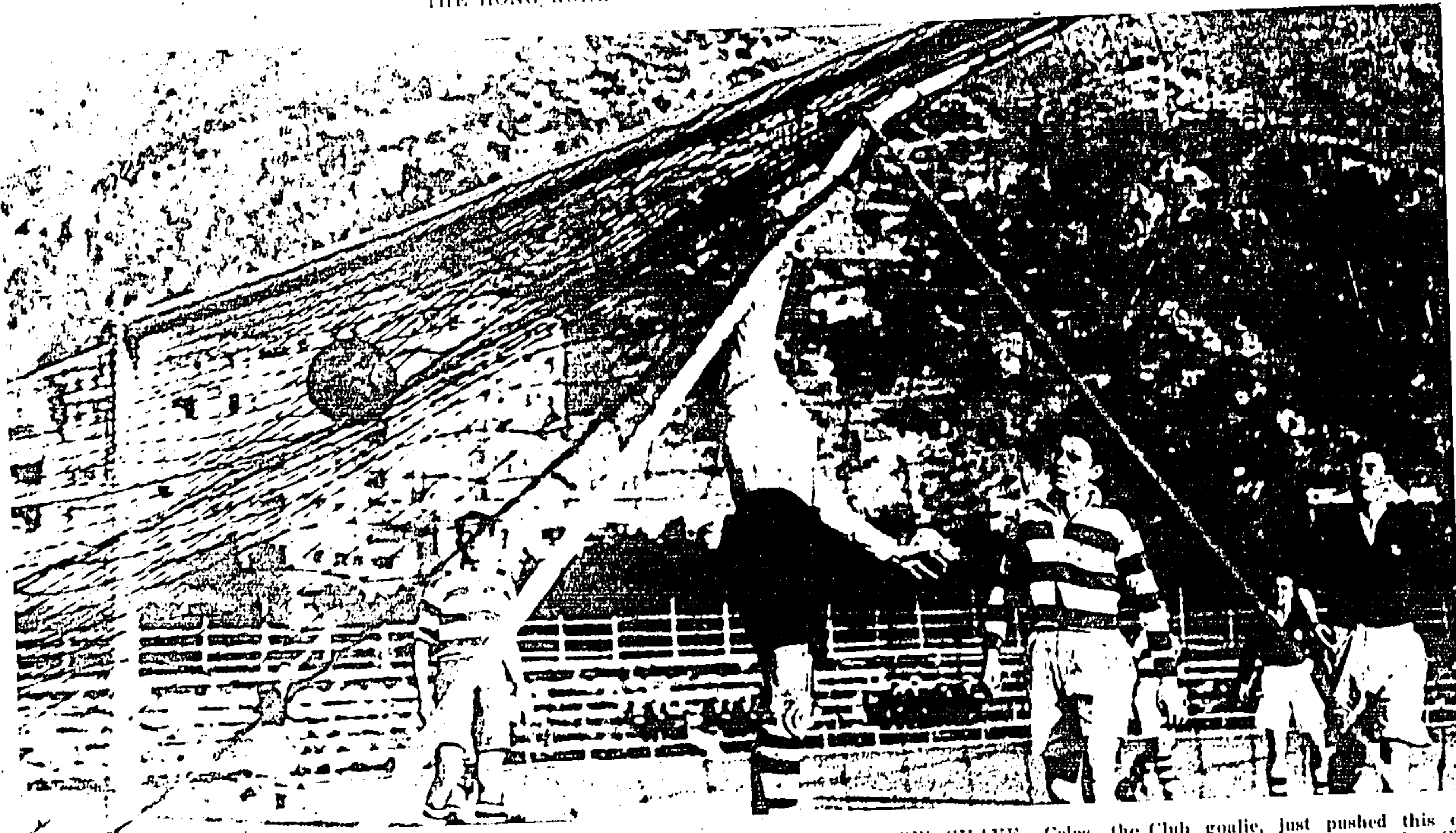
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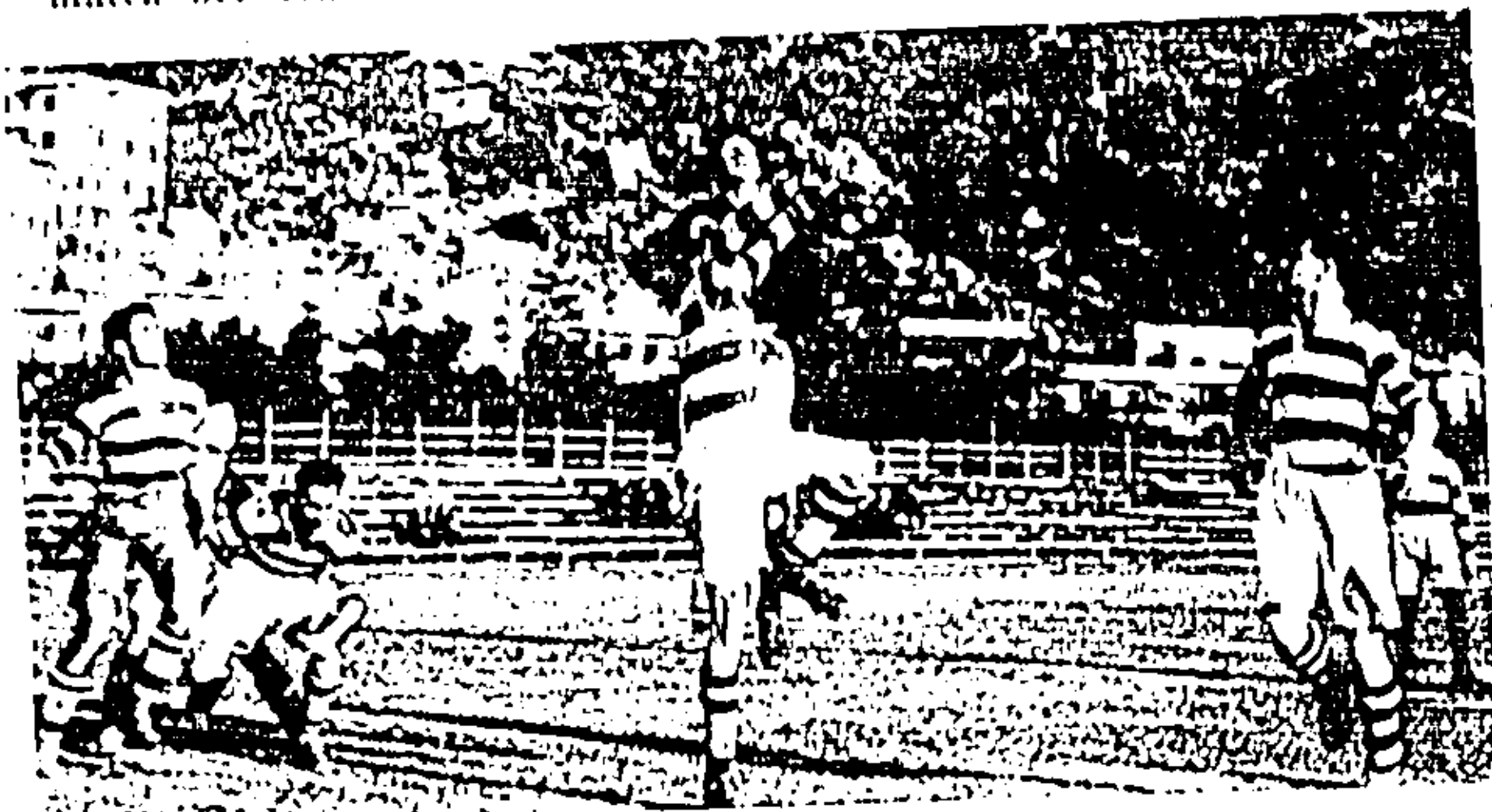
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NARROW SHAVE.—Coles, the Club goalie, just pushed this one over in the League match against the Navy last Saturday. Other Club players in the picture are H. Millington and A. Keown.



A Club and Navy player in a tussle for the ball during the League match between the two clubs last Saturday.



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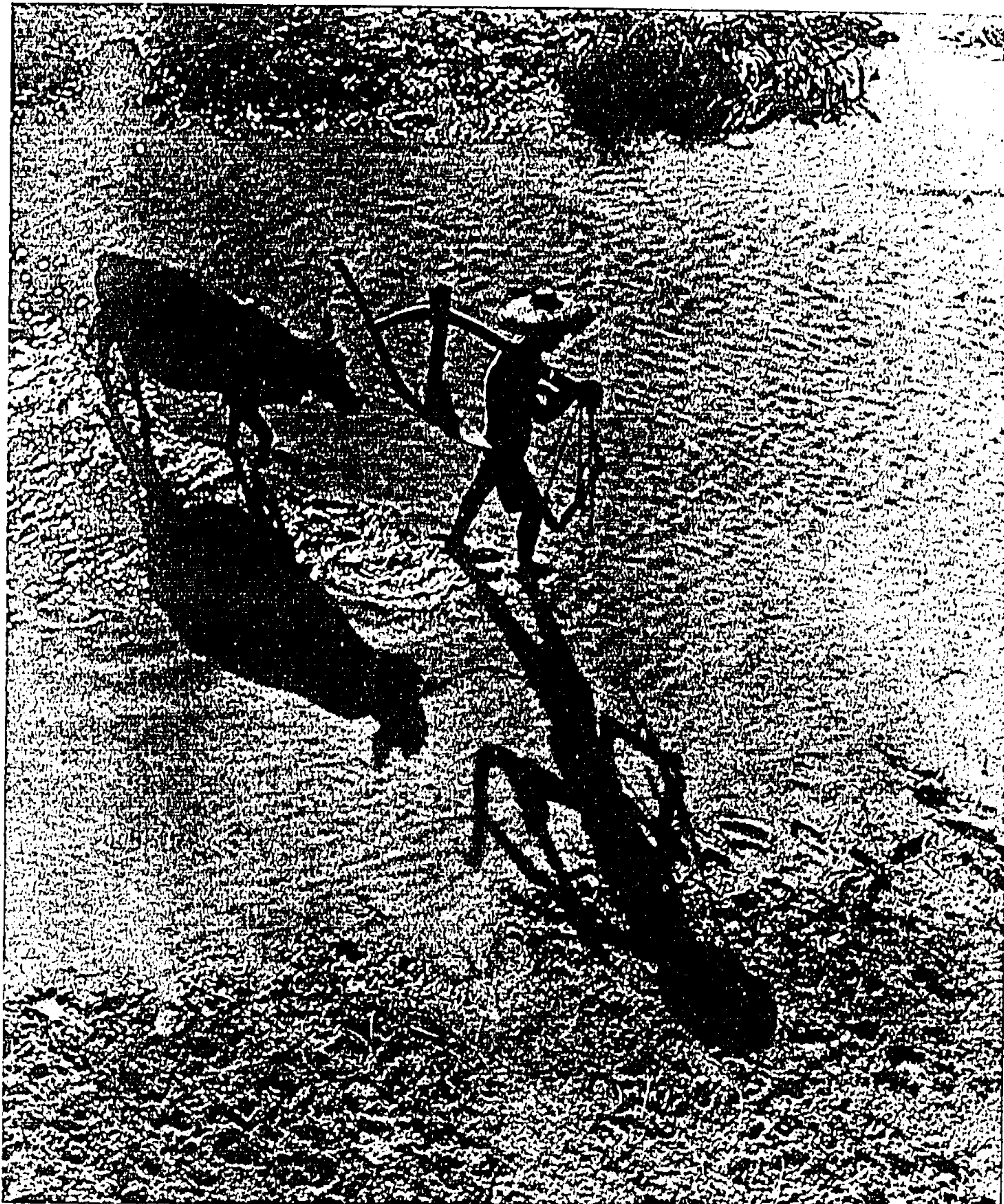
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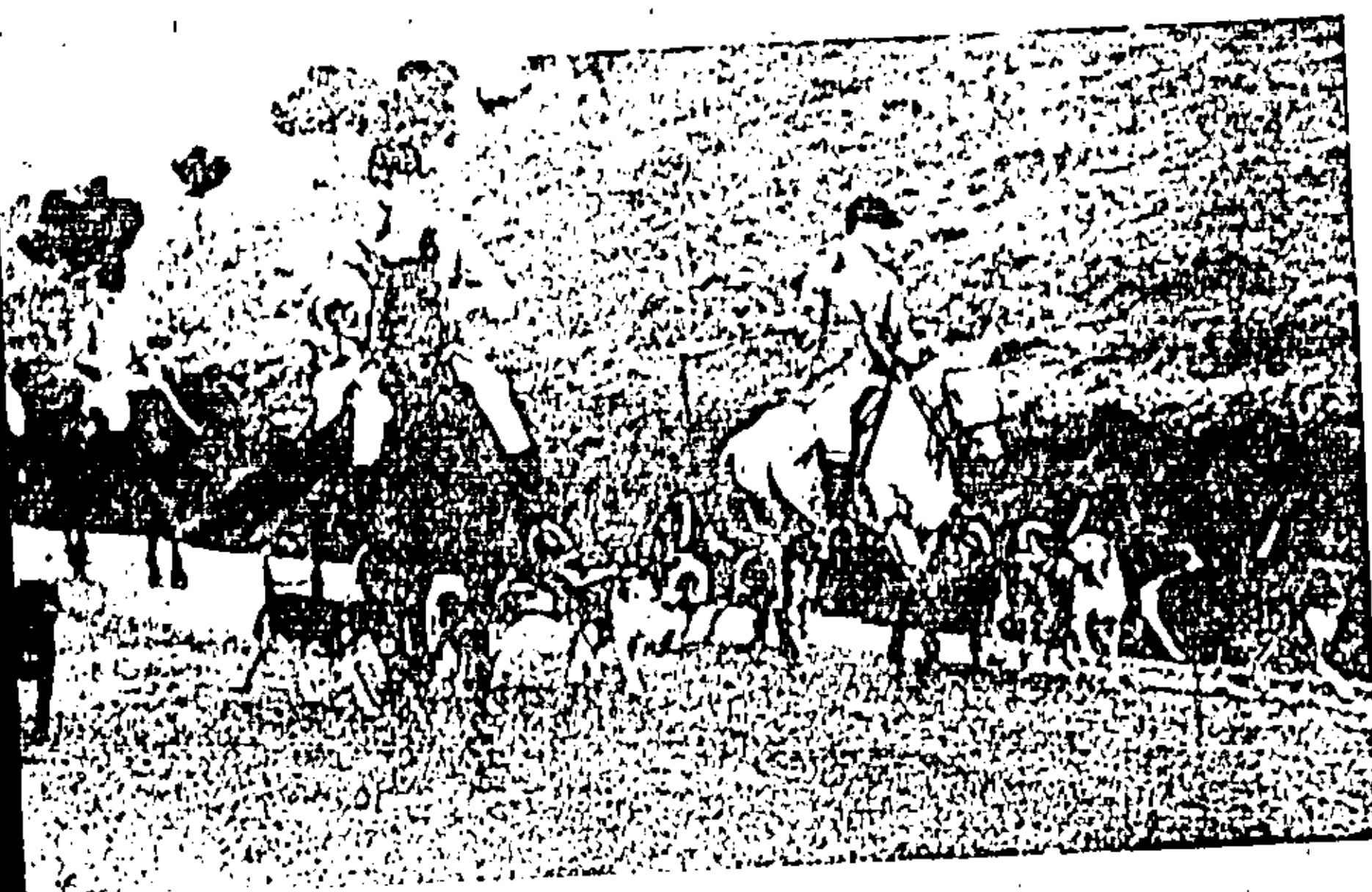
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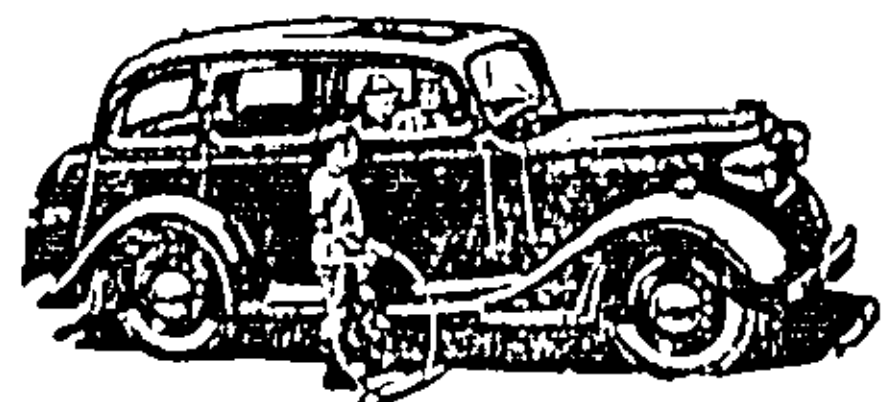
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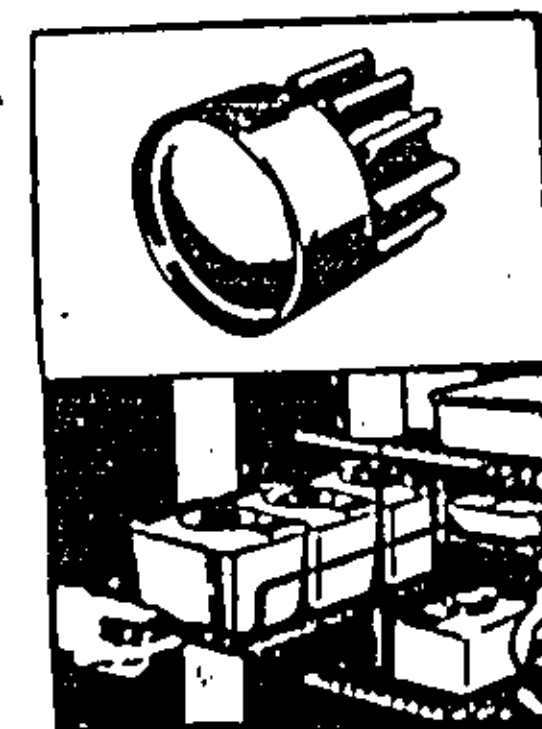
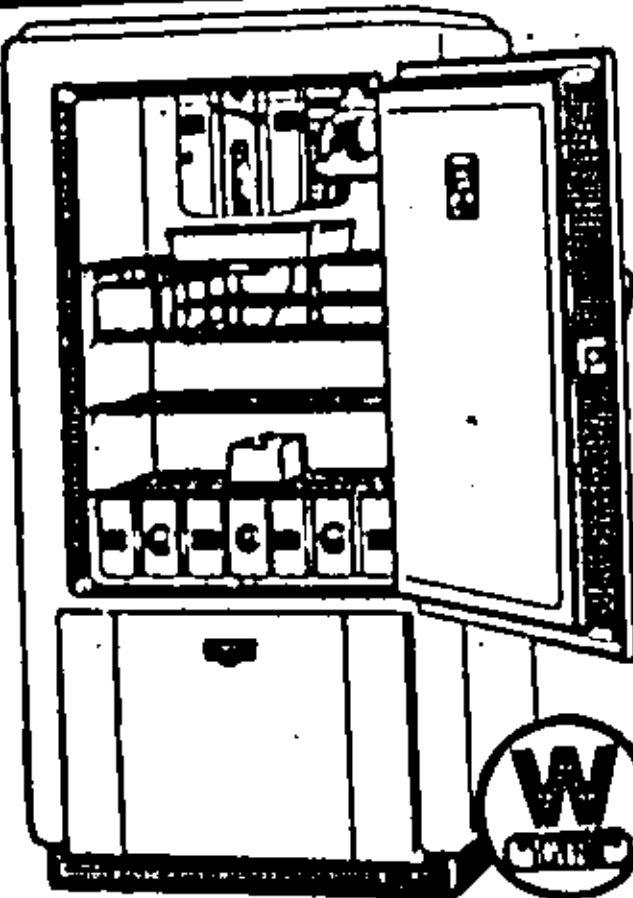
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WHEN scientific thought and method were yet in their incipency a man could believe "that lice, swallowed alive, were a sure cure for the yellow jaundice," or that there exists in the brain of a fresh-water perch a stone which is "very medicinal against the stone in the reins"—such things a man could believe and not suffer any seriously bad mental or emotional consequence. Beloved Izaak Walton could do so, that meditative and discursive soul who wrote the beautiful *Lives* as well as the *Compliment Angler*. Misbelief, warped judgment, credulousness, self-deception, quirks, whims, crotchets—things of that kind, in matters scientific, may be entirely compatible with a calm and mellow disposition and a decently good and sane sort of life.

Nevertheless it is distortion instead of truth that is held in the mind, and only when the errors are accepted because science has not yet discovered the facts of the matter can they be clung to without some kind of harm to the personality. When misbelief, warped judgment, and all the rest exist because one has refused to accept manifest facts and has even refused to look for them the result may be very serious indeed. It may be serious not only in its effect upon one's worldly state, but also in its effect upon the health of one's mind and body, upon one's happiness, upon one's whole adventure in life.

D—Q—, for example. Never, in all his more than a half-century of life, has he acquired the habit of looking conditions straight in the face and seeing them in the clear, sharp light of actuality. Facts have been to him something not quite facts. He has not even developed the habit of asking what are the facts, a good deal of the time. He has dodged evidences. He has fooled himself. He has kept his mind in a realm of unreality.

Things as they are he hasn't liked; therefore he has made a practice of living as if things

were not as they are. He wanted this, that, or the other, and he did his best to get what he wanted. He thereby kept himself harassed by debt. If he wasn't in debt to someone else he was in debt to himself. Next month's stipend was spent before it was received. If some one tried to put him even with the world once more, he took pains to be uneven again in a short while. He suffers now from the result. Suffers not alone because of the problems of scanty income, but also, more seriously, by reason of the self that has developed and that he has to live with day after dreary day. His once merry and light-hearted personality has become a house of gloom, and he lives in self-torment.

The difficulties with the self I—V— has to live with have a different history so far as details go, but the result is also grievous. Still less than thirty, full of loveliness and charm, already she is suffering from an inner life that tortures her. She tells of moods of extreme depres-

"To cease to rebel and struggle, and to learn to be content with part of a loaf when one can not have a whole loaf, though a hard lesson to learn, is good philosophy for the tuberculous invalid, and to his astonishment he often finds that what he considers the half-loaf, when acquiesced in, proves most satisfying."

sion, and how they are increasing. Repeatedly in one single conversation she reverts to the word "bitterness." When the girls of her set were going to college she was obliged to surrender her own hopes and take a job. She felt herself inferior to her friends, and resented her lot bitterly.

A brief unhappy marriage upset her young dreams still further and stirred up more of resentment and bitterness. A later marriage, though satisfactory in matters of love and companionship, has included a renewal of

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financial difficulties and forced her to take a job once more, and again envy and bitterness are stirring within her: envy and bitterness because she has to work when her friends do not, because they can have and do things that are impossible to her, because they have children and she, who wistfully longs for children, can not have them. She confesses herself in cynical mood. The enthusiasms she once had are now gone, she has lost her optimism, she "can't seem to feel hopeful," and she is so hurt, so disappointed with what life has brought, that she goes around deliberately trying to hurt other people. In such ways she accuses herself.

Bitterness is not a nice word for a young woman to use with regard to her deeper life. If I—V—'s inner self tortures her now, at the beginning of her days, it is easy to guess what it may do in after years unless she definitely and deliberately sets to work at once to construct a new and better self. Envy and jealousy and bitterness are bad materials to put into a self that is in process of creation.

The issue that underlies all of this has to do with the quality of thought. When you go to a shop to make some purchase you want to know whether the dress material is of a quality that will wear well, whether the foodstuff is of good quality, whether the engine of the car is of a quality that will stand up to the strain to which it will be subjected. To these things you give consideration if you are spending money.

Are you equally wise with regard to the quality of your thoughts?

Are they of a quality that will mix well with the facts of life?

What results will they produce when you come bump up against the ideas and moods and dispositions and personalities of the people with whom you have to mingle?

What effect will they have when you must look the grim needs of your own life straight in the face?

Will they lead to failure or to success?

Will they make you weaker or stronger for the long-drawn-out struggle?

Do they tend to sickness or to health?

Are they of the kind that tears down, or of the kind that builds up?

Make a picture of the kind of person you want to be, and hold it in your mind continually. Vision yourself as one who is fair-minded, self-possessed when others are excited, not given to anger or

By Winfred Rhoades

complaint but an encourager and helper of other struggling souls; conceive yourself as a person who sees small things as small and really big things as really big, who can stand pin-pricks and also hurts that are more serious and make small reckoning of them; see yourself as a person whom it is easy to live with, and who none the less is striving always toward the better things of life.

Add on, as time passes, the vision of other fine qualities that you want to possess; for the self must be kept always in a state of growth, and no person must ever let himself become satisfied with what he now is.

As your picture becomes greater during the passing years and you have the habit of living with it in your mind all the while, your "self" will increase in value and loveliness, and your life will come to satisfactions that it did not know in earlier and cruder days.

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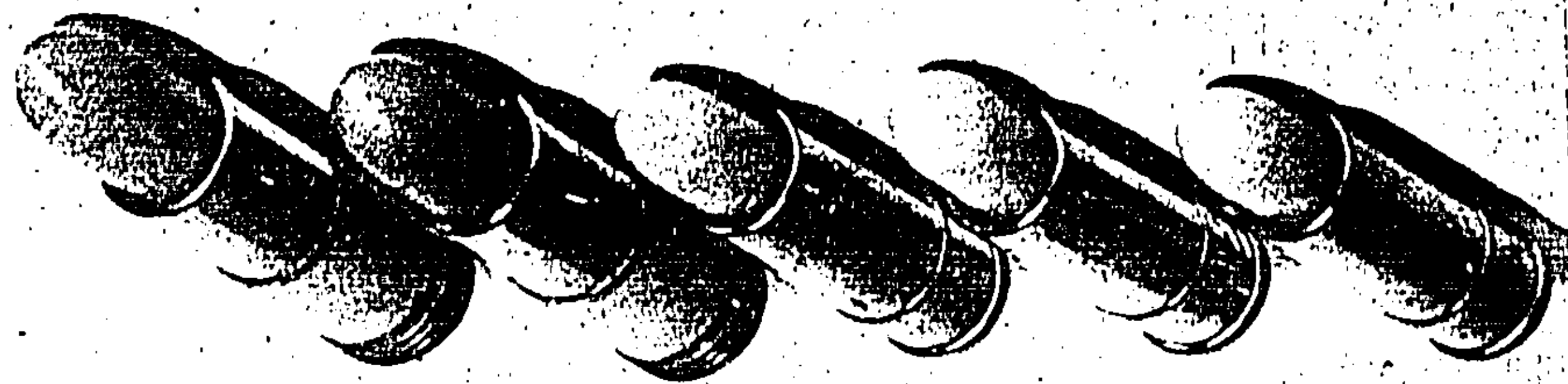
BEAUTY BULLETS

NO man, unless he is a coward, is afraid of 'bullets,' 'bombs,' or 'shells,' but he is not so sure of his courage before the smile of a damsel who displays her pearl-like teeth between her well-shaped lips accentuated by the right shade of an indelible lipstick.

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No matter how nicely-shaped a woman's lips are, she must accentuate them with the use of a lipstick, but if improperly used, a lipstick can do a great deal of harm, in fact, it can ruin a woman's appearance. The most common fault in using lipstick is the failure to apply neatly and evenly. The hurried young woman who dashes her lipstick to her mouth with a quick flourish, smacks her lips together, and then proceeds to rush on about her other business, is committing a grave injustice to herself. Her smeared uneven lip-line spoils her . . . and it shows her carelessness of character.

A great deal depends on your choice of shade in lipstick. If it is not selected with definite regard for your own individual type of colouring, the result will be unnatural and far from being lovely. Before applying the lipstick, make sure that your lips are absolutely dry; then, care-



These are no bullets for human destruction, but no less dangerous indelible lipsticks.

fully draw the desired shape on the upper lip, taking pains to insure a uniform colour tone. Now press the lips together, transferring this carefully-drawn pattern to the lower lip. Thus you will have insured a primary principle of a good mouth make-up—symmetry. Any necessary adding or retouching of colour should be done with great care. Smooth and blend the lipstick with your little finger, carrying

it well towards the inside of the mouth . . . thus eliminating a noticeable line where the lipstick ends. This is the correct procedure for properly making-up a normal mouth.

FROM THE MAKE-UP DESK

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Find the Thief

DURING our travels we camped one day not far from the Kebraassa Rapids on the Zambesi, waiting for the big open barge in which we would be paddled down stream to Tete. While waiting here, we discovered that one of our Barotse reported calico missing. That may not sound serious, but it was, desperately, as we paid our boys in calico and we were all of one hundred miles from a

magistrate. If any boy could prove himself smarter than we and steal from us under those circumstances we might well lose our last cherished shirts before we got away. But how find the thief? Camp was searched, but in vain. There was not even circumstantial evidence to give us a clue.

Our Barotse solved the problem. Coming together and seventeen of them, in a solemn delegation they asked permission to try the boiling water test. They used it successfully in Barotse and, they told us, and why content they use it in Portuguese East? Naturally we said yes, for it is one of those customs the white man scorns and which the natives consequently keep to themselves.

The next afternoon the whole lot of sixty-odd natives with the wives, girl friends, and children who were along, were lined up and our head boy explained the situation. There was a thief and the boiling water test was to be applied to find him. There was not one dissenting voice. All agreed it was a fair test, so a fire was built and on it settled a huge pot of water. Solemnly we watched it come to a boil, then boil furiously. A smaller pot of cold water was placed near the boiling pot, and when the water was turning over in huge violent rolls the test began.

Men, women, little children and big ones stepped forward one by one, each plunged his right arm into the cold water, then into the boiling pot to the elbow, and stepped into line on the other side of the fire. Everyone took the test without a murmur and when all was finished they were told to return at the same time the next afternoon. The one who, by that time, had lost some skin or showed a blister would be proved the thief.

In single file they returned, every last one of them, passing before us, right arm bare and outstretched for an examination. Out of that small army one man alone showed blisters and peeling skin. No other had any sign of a burn. And he confessed to the crime and returned the calico.

Margaret Carson Hubbard in "African Gable," (Putnam).



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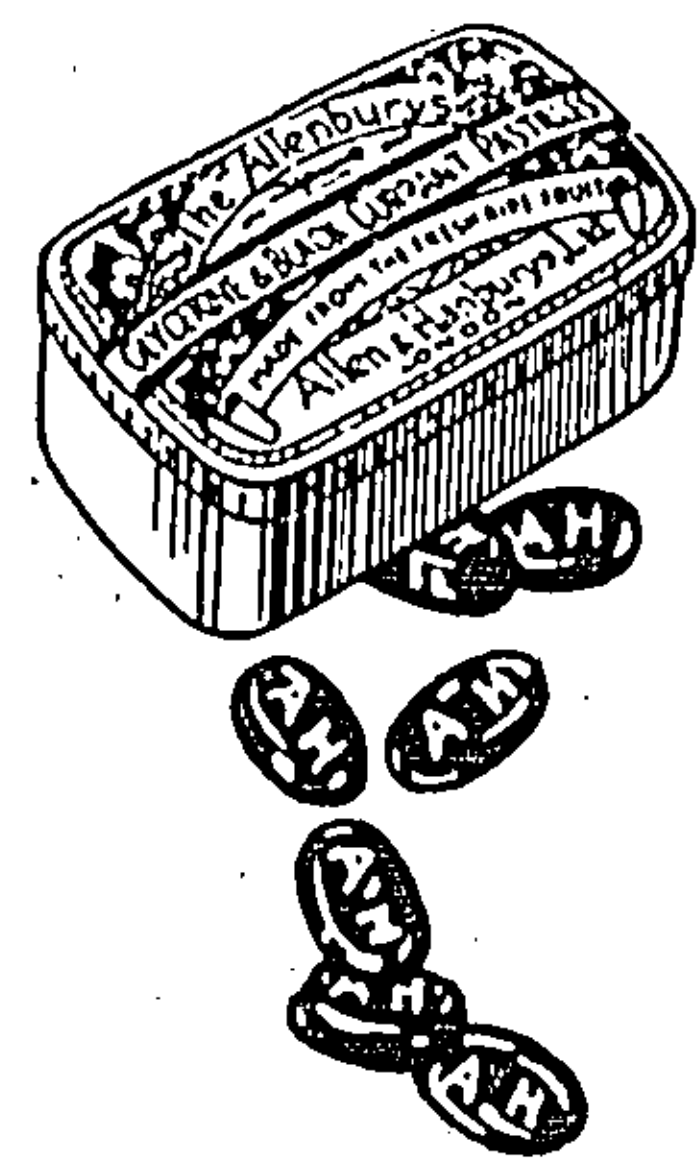
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I REMEMBER the story of a man who turned to a friend and said to him, "Somebody gave me a slap across the face to-day. What would you advise me to do?" And the friend replied, "If it was given to you, keep it." It is evident that the man who asks for advice about his personal dignity has already lost it.—Sur, Buenos Aires.

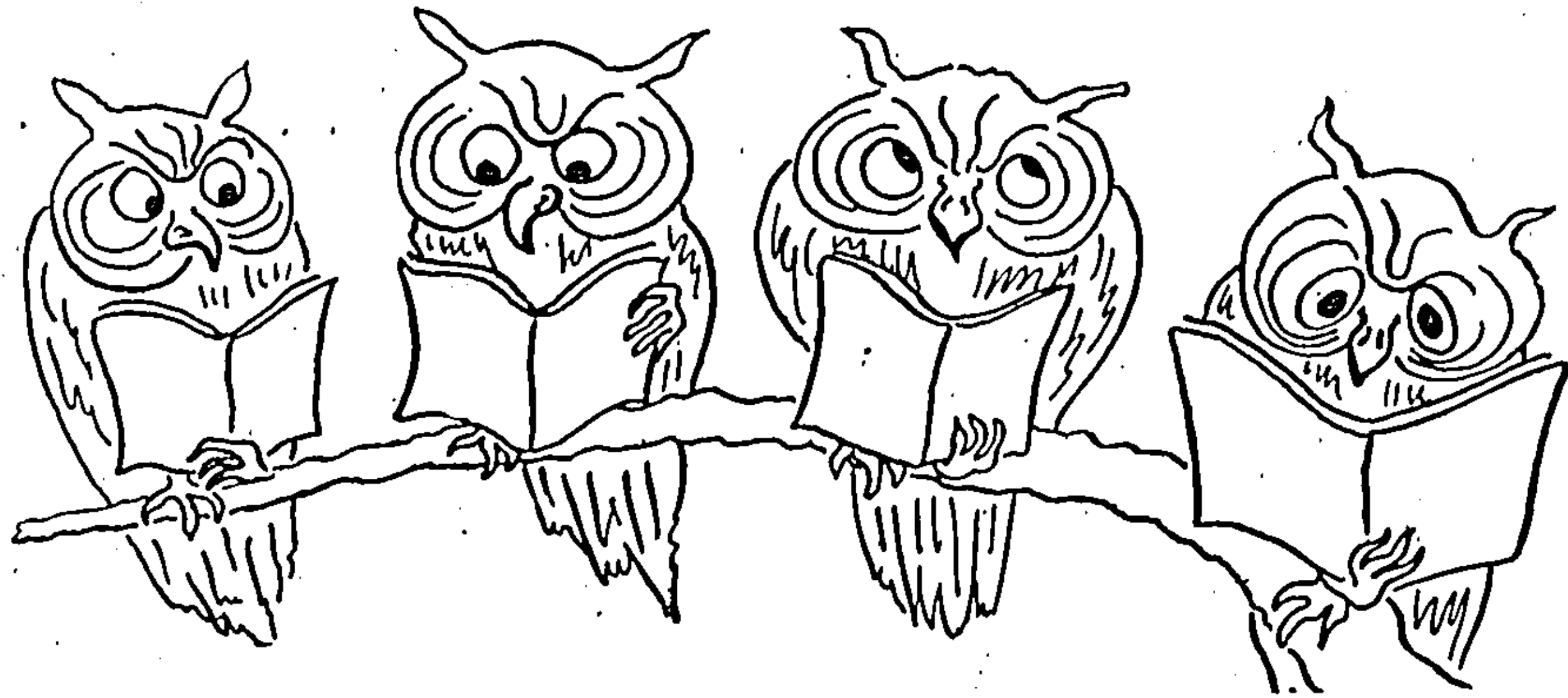
"When I hear the word culture, I take out my revolver and fire," said Goebbels in a phrase which has become sadly historical.—Sur, Buenos Aires.

Pathans are ferocious and cunning. In broad daylight three of them walked into the hall of a Hindu banker, stabbed him to death, and ran out on the street with as much money as they could grab. The policeman at the nearest corner fired and wounded one of his companions, stopped, braving the fire of the policeman, and hacked off the wounded man's head, with which he managed to make good his escape.

The reason? A headless body is not easily identified.—Pat Turnbull in Great Thoughts, London.

Our system of education is impossible, when considered in relation to modern life. Why we have children ten and eleven years of age who can't even throw a bomb!—Dublin Opinion.

The happy trick of ageing



READER'S PIE

Mussolini and remembering God as an after-thought explains one of the under-ground stories current in Italy. Father tells little girl she must always say after breakfast, 'Thank God and Mussolini for my nice breakfast.' 'Must I, daddy? And after dinner 'Thank God and Mussolini for my nice dinner?' 'Yes, dear, and after supper, too.' 'And what do I say when Mussolini is dead, daddy?' 'Oh, then, dear, you just say 'Thank God.'—New Statesman and Nation, London.

Two points in particular bear out the contention that the smoking of tobacco may lead to cancer. In the first place, cancer of the breathing organs is much more frequent among men than among women, and in the second place, tar-products, which arise in smoking and are breathed in

with the smoke, can be used experimentally to in smoking and are breathed in with the smoke, can be used experimentally to induce cancer. The director of the Cancer Institute of the University of Buenos Aires, Dr. A. Roffo, declared that his investigations showed between 92% and 100% of all men and women suffering from cancer of the mouth, tongue, throat, and lungs to be inveterate smokers.

Dr. Roffo also describes experiments with rabbits: using three different preparations, the first an extract of the soluble parts of the tobacco, the second a pure nicotine solution, and the third of various distillation products, he applied a little of each to the ears of rabbits every day for several months, and the first and third preparations induced typical cancer formations. Then he tried some thing else: he merely blew smoke on the ears of rabbits for two or three minutes each day: this too produced cancer in a comparatively short time. If we think of the effect of tobacco smoke being inhaled every hour, every day, for years and even decades, it can be easily seen that the conditions for the formation of cancer in humans are even more favourable than in these experiments with animals. In this connection it may be noted that de-nicotinised tobacco will scarcely avail anything in the prevention of the disease, as nicotine is not responsible for cancer, but has equally harmful effects on the organism.—Die Umschau, Frankfurt.

Popular polo seems to be the latest by-product of the riding vogue in England. Under a new scheme launched in Lancashire, ponies can be hired at \$1.25 a game and anybody who can get together a couple of teams can play. Many of the players are the kind of people who have learned to ride in the last three or four years, for the most part people of very modest means; in particular, office employees who spend all week cooped up indoors. Among such people, riding has shown an immense increase of late. They take a few lessons at the innumerable riding schools which have sprung up like mushrooms around all the big cities. After that, they hire their horses on Saturday afternoons and Sundays for a canter in the parks or a gallop over the wide expanses of commons outside the cities.

Polo on hired ponies has met with a ready response from such riders.

—New York Times

Public and Private Bore No. 1 is the fellow who is always opening his mouth and putting his feats into it.

—Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia.

Of all caged birds none are more intelligent or take more kindly to civilisation—which is

cage-life — than parrots. My parrot was quite a good bird and did a better work in the world than I have ever done myself, for it cured a little boy of infantile paralysis.

"How," asked the great man, "did that infantile paralysis case get on, about which you consulted me by telephone?"

"A marvellous recovery! How

did you ever happen to discover that parrots' blood was useful in such cases?" The humbler general practitioner was full of awe and curiosity.

"Parrots' blood? Good heavens, you don't mean to tell me that you made a transfusion of parrots' blood; What I said was 'parent's blood.' Well, of all things!"

—Nature Magazine.

The decline of Greek civilisation began, in all probability, with the deforestation of the hills; and it was hastened greatly by goats. These voracious animals ate down the young trees, the shrubs, the grass, they stripped the land of its protective coat of vegetation; and then rain washed the top-soil into the rivers. Nor was the loss of soil and the consequent decline of agriculture the whole story. Much of this soil was deposited along the lower courses of the rivers, where their velocity slackened as they reached the sea. Marshes and swamps were formed and then mosquitoes bred; the mosquitoes carried malarial infection; the health of the people was undermined; and enemies crowded in upon a debilitated race. Thus it is, perhaps, to goats rather than to internecine quarrels or to Persians that the downfall of Greek culture must be primarily attributed.

—From The Geographical Magazine, London.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.—Albert Einstein, quoted in Ultra, Havana.

Whoever follows Jesus as a guide cannot be an anti-Semite. One thing or the other: either Christian or anti-Semite.—Marryk, quoted in Ultra, Havana.

A research worker at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, declares that he has actually seen thought waves. A new sensitiser has been discovered by him which enables him to see waves 300-millionths of a millimeter long. He believes these waves are a kind of emanation from the brain, and he says, "When I have fully established their existence and qualities, I shall have brought transmission of thought from a possibility to a scientific probability."

Even more impressive is the fact that the wave-length mentioned is the same as that of the shortest rays that reach from the sun. In what unfathomable way are thought and the matter of the universe linked?

—Weekly Telegraph, London.

I once said to Kreisler, "Why do you spend your genius on trifles instead of using it in the music, which is more worthy of service of great or less familiar it?"

Kreisler said to me, "There is, in my opinion, as much artistic merit and satisfaction in doing a little thing perfectly as in doing a big thing; in writing a perfect sonnet as in building Milan Cathedral." —Stephen Williams in the "Evening Standard," London.



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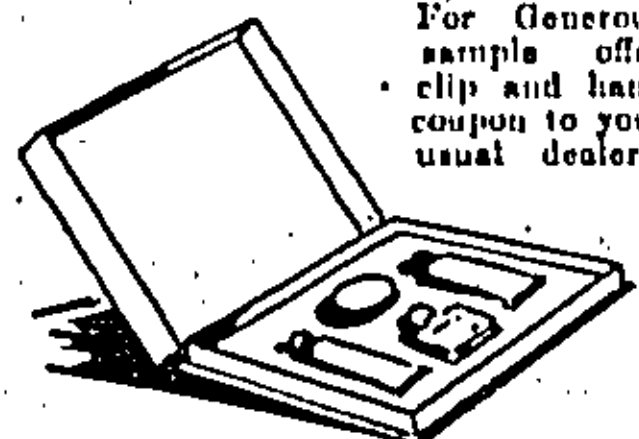
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YOU TASTE WITH YOUR NOSE

INTO a small, unventilated room stepped a tall young man who nodded affably to the three men who sat there industriously smoking pipes. The room was heavy with the scent of tobacco and the air was hazy with smoke.

"I hurried down because I've been wanting a smoke badly," said the young man as he settled into an easy chair. Beside him was a table which held a pipe rack and a humidor full of tobacco.

"That's good, Jim. You'll enjoy it all the more." One of the smokers arose, set down his pipe, and produced a napkin from a table drawer. He adjusted it over the young man's eyes and knotted it at the back of his head. Then he drew a pipe from his pocket and placed it between Jim's teeth. Jim could hear the crackle of a safety match as it scratched over the side of its box.

"Draw," the man ordered, and Jim puffed energetically, unaware that the match was being held a good foot away from his pipe bowl. For the next fifteen minutes, Jim smoked contentedly. Strangely enough, not a tendril of smoke issued from his lips.

It was a trick pipe which the experimenter had given Jim. It contained a device for moistening and heating the air drawn through it. Jim was actually puffing warm air which he thought was tobacco smoke, and was perfectly happy about the whole thing.

Hundreds of repetitions of this experiment demonstrated that the most experienced smokers cannot tell from the sense of taste alone whether they are smoking tobacco or hot air.

Taste depends particularly upon smell for full richness of sensation. That is why, when you hold your nose or have a cold, you complain that you can't taste anything. But touch and vision also play their roles in the complex sensation of taste.

The arrangement of taste buds in the tongue produces some surprising effects. When a youngster lays down his ten cents for an ice cream cone he does not, as a rule, take a bite of it—he licks it, because most of the taste buds which are sensitive to sweet are in the tip of the tongue.

Taste buds sensitive to bitter, on the other hand, are mostly concentrated at the root of the



the apple. The apple tastes sour! Has something happened to it? No, sour was intermingled with sweet in your first taste of the apple, but sweet predominated. Then, after your sweet taste-buds were powerfully stimulated by the bonbons, the second bite of the apple tasted sour because its sweetness was many times less intense than that of the candy. You had become adapted to an extremely strong sweet stimulus.

You get tired of tasting certain flavours, just as your eyes get tired of seeing certain colours and your ears of hearing certain sounds. Look at bright colours long enough and they seem to fade; live near a boiler factory long enough and the din grows fainter. Why does the first draft on a cigarette or cigar always taste best? Simply because you become adapted to the taste (and, more importantly, to the smell) as you continue smoking.

The professional tasters who grade tea and coffee are, in the main, no better equipped with gustatory organs than you or I. But they have trained themselves to perceive more sharply. These experts are in reality better smellers than they are tasters; many substances which have characteristic flavours actually have little or no taste.

You would probably agree, for instance, that camphor gum has an unusually distinctive, pungent taste. But close your nostrils, put some of the substance on your tongue, and you'll discover that it has no taste at all. Turkey and veal and mutton seem to have characteristic tastes, but blindfold yourself, held your nose, and if you are able to distinguish these unseasoned meats it will be because of your tongue's sense of touch, not because of flavour.

There doesn't seem to be any reason why things taste as they do.

tongue, the back, so that to get the full flavour of beer you practically have to swallow it. Individuals vary, but in general the tip of the tongue is sensitive to sweet, the sides to sour, the back to bitter, and the whole tongue

By Stanley Hill

to salt. Which means that you don't taste everything at the same speed.

Take a sip of coffee and try to estimate how long it takes you to taste its flavour. Do the same with a piece of toffee. Probably, your estimates won't be too accurate, but if you are average it will take you three times as long to begin tasting the coffee as it will the toffee.

Psychologists who have investigated the matter tell us that, on an average, it takes us one-half second to taste anything. You can taste salt fastest of all, then sweet, then sour, then bitter. The position of the taste buds in the tongue may have something to do with these relative speeds, but the experts aren't cocksure about it.

They are sure, however, that the taste bud mechanism explains why you can't taste a diamond or a piece of string. You can demonstrate the phenomenon with your own tongue. Stick out your tongue, wave it, apply blotting paper, or use any other pleasing method to dry it thoroughly. Now place a sugar cube on the tongue tip. It ought to taste sweet. Actually, if tongue and sugar are truly dry, it has no taste at all.

To taste sugar, or any other substance, it has to be in solution, liquefied sufficiently to flow into those microscopic pits in the tongue's surface and excite the taste buds.

Very rarely do we take our tastes "straight." More or less instinctively we modify raw taste sensations by seasoning to taste,

sugar is sweet and tea is bitter, hence we add sugar to tea for a more pleasing flavour. For the same reason we added sugar to grapefruit or lemon juice to modify the sour taste. We add salt to correct the sweetness of an over-ripe melon and we use bitter chocolate to enrobe cream fillings in candy.

Things don't always taste the same at different times. Take a bite of a ripe apple. Sweet, isn't it? Now eat two or three bonbons and then take another bite out of

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Take a sip of black coffee. Do you get the taste of it instantaneously?

Chop an onion and an apple into fine particles, or use their respective juices. Close your eyes and hold your nose. Have someone place one of the substances on your tongue, then the other. Can you taste which is the apple and which is the onion?

Take a bite out of a sweet ripe apple. Then eat two or three bonbons. Take another bite out of the same apple. How does it taste now?

Close your eyes and close your nostrils and have someone light a cigarette or cigar for you. Do you enjoy the taste of tobacco more or less than you would under ordinary conditions?

AN INTERVIEW WITH MADAME THE PALMIST

THE curtains parted, and there he stood, my first client! He was a giant of about forty with a terrific jaw. His overalls crackled under a crust of old cement as he dropped heavily into the chair which had been placed beside me.

"Which hand you want?" he bellowed.

Right or left, I thought . . . the devil or the deep blue sea . . . it makes no difference. "Right," I whispered.

And what a hand it was! A huge, four-fingered paw. Where, oh where was the heart line, the head line? There were only callouses, thick and heavy, everywhere.

I had to say something quickly. I moistened my thick tongue. With bent head I muttered dramatically and desperately, "Ah, you have had an accident recently!"

The paw was lifted from the table with a swift gesture and descended with a bang upon the uncertain table, while I remained frozen with the despair of the trapped. Then came the explosion.

"G . . . d . . . it, girl, you're right!" he thundered.

There and then I became psychic. What mattered Jupiter and Saturn? This giant was in my power. Instead of drowning, I took a deep breath and began to swim with all my might.

We went into detail about the accident. We talked about his character, his stubbornness, his reasons for not marrying. He thought I was wonderful. And he spread the word.

What I learned from this big-nosed client was important, but it was negligible in comparison to what I learned from the encounters that followed. I grew more sure-footed after slipping a few times. I learned that one might say to a woman, "I see that there is a female working against you," as sure general bait. But the fissure that open-

ed had to be skirted with care.

I said to the first woman who came in and opened her soiled hands on the table before me, "Ah, I see that there is a woman working against you. She is dark. Watch out for her."

Her lips tightened, and tears washed her miserable cheeks. "Each day, Madam," she sobbed, "a dark woman across the street come out her door and yell at me and call me dirty names and swear at me and say she kill me. She follow me down the block. She never let me go in peace. Do you think the police help?"

Of course I was still a novice. I thought to myself, "Why is this woman treating her like that, the horrid thing?" I suggested that she move into another neighbourhood, but that, she wailed, was impossible.

Then I manoeuvred feebly. "Let me see what that woman has against you . . . let us think deeply into your hand."

She looked down at her dusty shoes, hesitated a minute . . .

By Karen Allen

"That woman, her husband, he stays with me. She was so mean to him that he came to live with me. That is all she got against me."

"That is all she got against me!" A little thing like living with another woman's husband looked big and bad to me, but I had no time in which to be shocked. I had to cover my error the best I could by delivering an impromptu moral lecture, to which the unblushing woman listened blandly.

I improved. I learned to give a fair character sketch in two minutes. I observed quickly and closely every detail of action, of clothing, of facial expression; I studied hands, not thinking of Jupiter and Saturn, but focusing on shape, cleanliness, and callouses. Then in mysterious but certain tones I spoke. I pointed out musical talents, ages, temperaments, and guessed surprisingly well at marital states and number of children.

From there I ventured on — I should say, we ventured on. Sometimes it was like this: "Ah, I see an operation . . . about four months ago . . . four or five . . ." After all, what woman hasn't had an operation?

"Oh, Madame!" she would exclaim in a pleased voice, "you do see an operation there? That must be the one I am going to have. How will it turn out?"

"Ah yes," I would affirm, "that operation is a very successful one. Oh, I don't say you won't have some trouble . . . there is a little trouble marked around it . . . but you will be better than ever . . . you see, your hand shows you have recovered from it already . . . a very good sign . . . you are a lucky woman . . ."

There were those, naturally, who made it difficult for me by maintaining an expression of continued indifference — never permitting a glimpse into their eyes, remaining silent all the while. No fishing there, so I gave my imagination free rein and let my words leap boldly

and blindly into the blue.

"Ah, I see that you are a person of great control . . . you keep things stored within yourself . . . you must beware bottling yourself up too much . . . you are not quick to temper, but when once aroused you are a little dangerous. Ah yes . . . no one will ever cheat you because you are quick to catch the other fellow . . . a very fine trait indeed . . . your hand is a trifle difficult to read . . . you have been told that before . . ."

Usually their reserve melted under the warm rain of words such as these, although a few walked out without saying anything at all. "Well, Madame," I would say to myself, "you didn't catch that one."

Everyone had an opportunity at the close of the short "reading" to ask a question. That was an exciting game! A sharp-voiced daughter with a greedy eye demanded, "Where did Grandma hide her money? She lies up in her bedroom all day long and won't let any of us touch her things. I know she's got some money!"

In that case, I was all for Grandma, bless her heart. Firmly, I answered, "Grandma's money is no more. There is bad luck all around it. Leave her in peace or you will be sorry."



Spiritualists, healers, psychics, and crystal-gazers came in. They came because their continued income was challenged by my appearance in their midst. A "psychic" had told Mrs. Potowsky that she was going to lose dear, drunk Mr. Potowsky by death within three months. Mrs. Potowsky came to me and I said, "Ah no, whoever told you that must be wrong. Mr. Potowsky will be with you longer than that . . . several years . . ."

So word of the dangerous rival went around the circle of seers, and they arrived one by one, at intervals, to spy for themselves. My terror was genuine but I knew that I had to outsmart them. I think I did. I can never be quite sure. Always on my guard, I watched for them, I learned to "spot" them and to launch my attack before they did theirs.

Sometimes I disposed of a beligerent competitor like this: "My dear friend, I feel the need of having my hand read today. I feel that you are the one to do it. Will you honour me?"

I was asked a hundred times about drunken husbands and



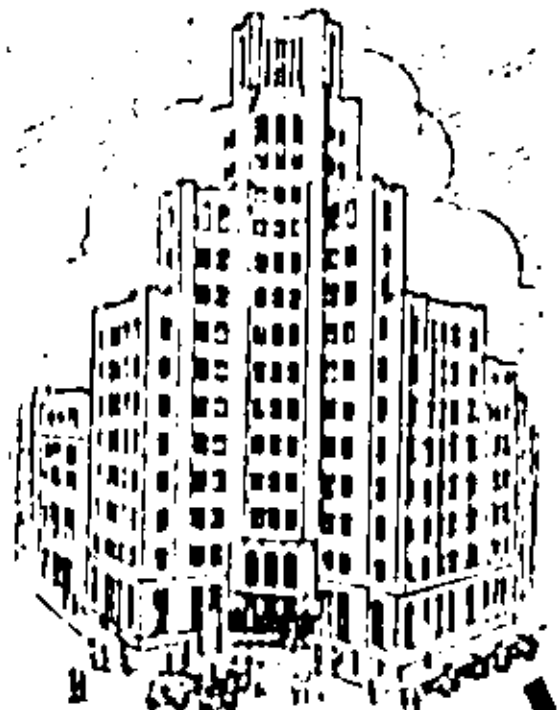
transient husbands. I listened to tales of brutality and sordid living. I felt myself smothering under an avalanche of terrifying problems. My Lutheran teachings, softened by a liberal college education, served as a nice moral reservoir; from which I desperately ladled advice. But I did not have the knowledge nor the funds that bolster social workers. I was only a fake fortuneteller!

I suppose that it may have been my conscience that ended my career as Madame K—, the palmist . . . or maybe it was nerves. I began to feel more and more wretched inside. At the end of the day, going home on the bus, I looked out of the window only to confront again each of the questioning faces I had met in the hours before . . . they would not be brushed aside.

Then I began seeing them in my sleep. One night a howling mob of men and women surrounded me. Hands in outstretched fury tore at my blouse and wrenched away my earrings. Someone screamed, "Grandma hid her money under the carpet! You lied to me!" "You told me to sell my store. Now look where I am!" screamed another. "You said I'd get work! We're still starving!" moaned yet another.

Conscience or nerves — I couldn't take it. The next morning I relinquished and renounced forever my title as Madame K—. And what a joy that was!

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BECOMING A BRITISH CITIZEN

FEARFUL of events in their own countries, an exceptional number of foreigners are nowadays seeking refuge in Great Britain, and to make their position more secure are applying for British nationality. In official language they are asking for naturalisation.

Until quite recently there was no procedure by which a man might change his nationality, though he could obtain freedom from arrest by crossing a frontier. Occasionally a special Act of Parliament was passed to confer British status on a particular individual, as in the case of Prince Albert immediately after his marriage to Queen Victoria.

It was not until the beginning of the Great War that the subject was seriously considered, when, by the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act of 1914, the Government clearly defined the position of foreigners resident in Great Britain and the conditions under which they might become naturalised.

THE essential condition is that the foreigner who seeks British nationality must have the definite intention of spending the remainder of his life within some part of the British Empire, and must not be using it as a tempor-

ary expedient while he escapes from his country of origin.

Ordinarily an alien is unable to become a naturalised British subject until he has resided for at least five out of the last eight years in some part of the Empire. In particular, it is essential that for the 12 months prior to his application he shall have lived exclusively in the United Kingdom. If he can satisfy this all-important condition, the foreigner may institute the legal proceedings. It will cost him about £20 to become a British subject, and it will test his patience for at least twelve months.

His first step is to complete the official application form, on which he is required to write his life's history, furnishing the most intimate details concerning his parents and grand-parents, and particulars of all the places where he has lived and the occupations he has followed. He must also give similar details concerning his wife and children, if any.

HE must show too that he has adequate financial resources, or holds a profitable situation. In

fact, he must prove that he is not likely to become a charge on the National Exchequer or the local rates. He will also have to furnish evidence that he has an adequate knowledge of the English language.

The Home Secretary requires a fee of £1 with the application to cover a few inquiries, such as proof of some of the dates and places of residence.

Should no serious objection be apparent, the Home Office will notify the applicant that he must now advertise in a London newspaper, and in a local newspaper

AFTER several months, provided that no objections have been received and that the Home Secretary's inquiries have been favourable, the applicant will be informed that the Certificate of Naturalisation will be issued on two conditions. He must pay a further fee of £3, and take the Oath of Allegiance to the King. By this he surrenders his right to be protected by the flag under which he was born, and swears that he will accept and perform the duties of a loyal British subject.

Immediately the Certificate is issued the foreigner becomes in every respect a British subject, though for a period of five years he is on a kind of probation. If during this time he commits any serious offence, involving imprisonment or heavy fine, the Home Secretary will be notified and may decide that the man is not a desirable British subject. He will then revoke the order, placing the individual in the strange position of being a man without any nationality. Having renounced the country of his origin and been rejected by the country of his adoption, he will find it extremely difficult to secure admission to any other land.

By Capt. A. W. Hardinge

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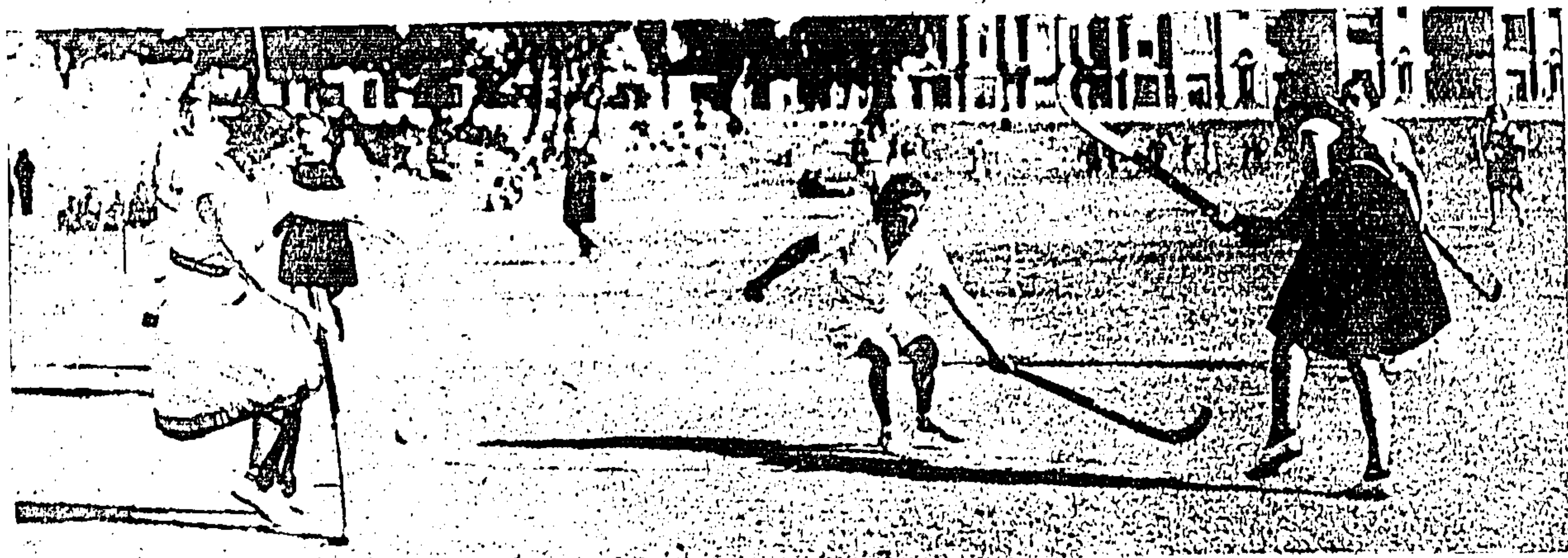
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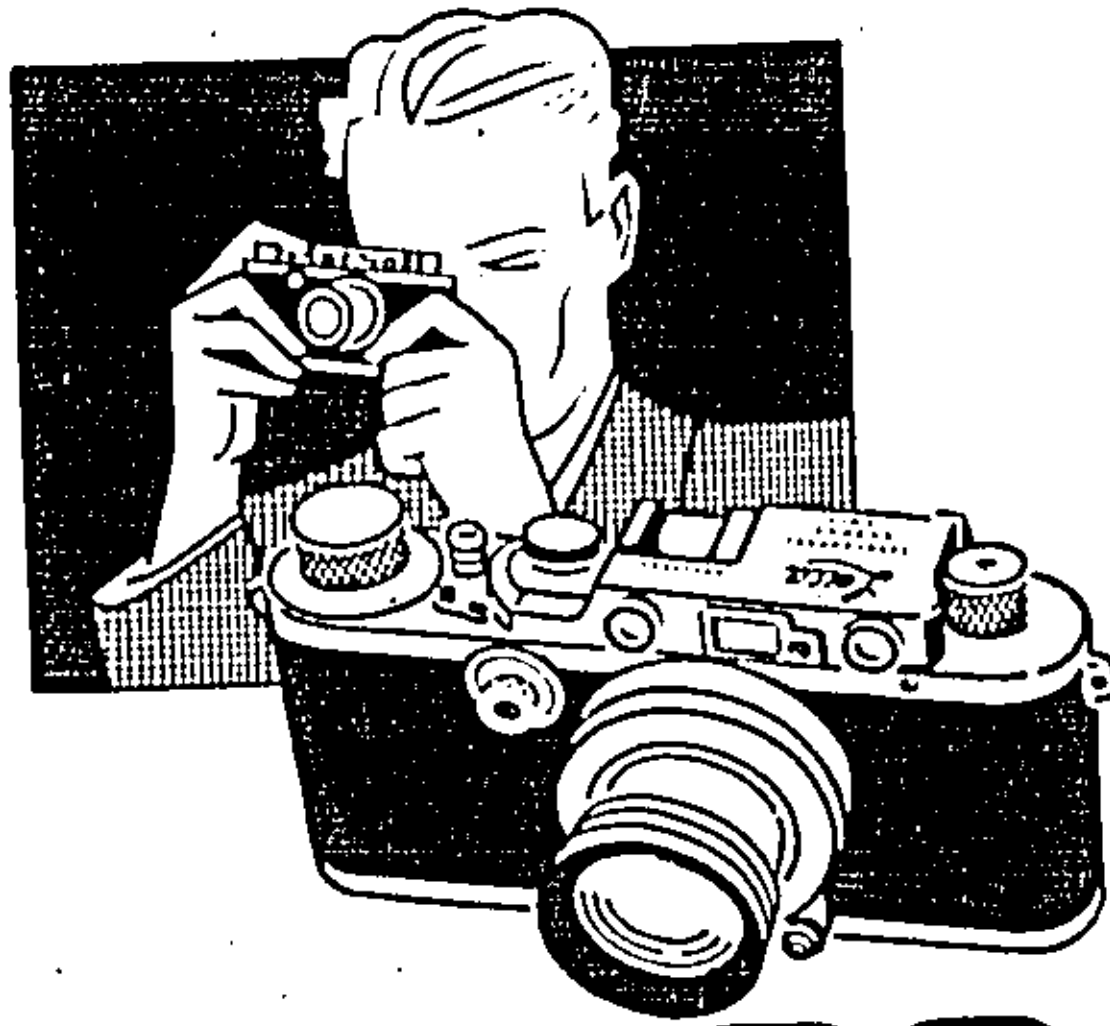


Miss E. M. Gray, the Hong Kong Ladies goalkeeper, anxiously awaits the outcome of a tussle between Miss Rachel Smith, the left back, and Miss Marie Smith, "Y" Ladies inside left.



Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu and Mrs. Williams (left), the new Ladies Doubles Champions, and Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Skinner, runners-up.

(Left)—Mrs. Freddie Dalziel (left) of the Hong Kong Ladies, in action in the match against "Y" Ladies who won by six goals to nil.



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Dr. Chu Kua-hua, President of the League of Nations Union in China. (Bann's Studio).



A recent portrait of Miss Lee Lee, who was in the news not so long ago when she was arrested for alleged espionage by the Chinese authorities. Miss Lee was later released. (Bann's Studio).

Soldier Who Wanted To Come To H.K.

Private C. C. Tamplin, of the 1st Battalion Surrey Regiment, saw England for the first time for 18 years when he landed from the troopship Somersetshire, having seen service in Egypt, Hong Kong, India and the Sudan.

Tamplin was only 15 when he joined the Army. This was in 1915 and by saying that he was 19 he went straight to France with the 11th Battalion East Surrey Regiment "for the duration."

Discharged in 1919, he rejoined the regiment a year later just in time to sail with the 1st Battalion for service overseas.

Even now he would sooner have remained beneath the sunny skies of the East.

"I wanted to go with 350 of our lads who were transferred to the 2nd Battalion at Hong Kong," he said, "but I was not allowed to do so. I suppose they thought I had had enough service overseas."

SIX DRUMS WORN OUT
With Tamplin, whose home is at Mitcham, was his friend, Bandman W. Beeryman, who for 18 years has beaten the regiment's big drum in military stations of the East.

Beeryman cannot boast of Tamplin's unbroken overseas record, for he has been home on leave twice since 1920, but he has the distinction of having worn out six big drums.

DR. GOEBBELS ATTEMPTS TO REASON WITH AMERICA

"What Is It The United States Wants?"



Miss Peggy Scocher, in one of her dances for the Goucharoff show which is in the final rehearsal stages. Photo: Edearoff.

SWISS TIGHTEN REGULATIONS

Berne, To-day.
The Swiss Federal Council yesterday decreed that in future foreign emigrants will be allowed admission into Switzerland for long or short stay, only if their identification papers contain a Swiss visa.—Trans-Ocean.

JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN GUIANA

Paris, Yesterday.
German Jewish experts will leave France in the near future for French Guiana to investigate the prospect of Jewish settlement there. Permission for the trip was given by the French Colonial Ministry.

ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ARE TWO-EDGED

Berlin, Yesterday.

The first utterance on relations between Germany and the United States by a member of the German Cabinet has been made by the Minister of Propaganda, Dr. Goebbels, in an article in the "Voelkischer Beobachter" written on returning from a fortnight's vacation at Obersalzberg, near Berchtesgaden.

"What is it that the United States wants?" Dr. Goebbels asks. Germany could afford to disregard anti-German agitation in the American press and broadcasts, but she cannot afford to disregard anti-German utterances from American official quarters which make the matter a question of international politics.

Dr. Goebbels points out that since November 10th, 1938, anti-German agitation in the United States has reached unprecedented violence.

"American public opinion, and above all those organs of opinion controlled by Jews, engages in a completely intolerable interference in our domestic affairs. They think that the remoteness of the American continent allows the application of measures towards Germany which, under other circumstances, would be completely impossible."

The German press, on the other hand, the Minister asserts, only began to speak its mind when official personages began to take part in the dispute.

OFFICIAL ATTACKS

Dr. Goebbels recalls the statement by the Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, the German official protest in Washington and the recent statement by Senator Pittman.

Dr. Goebbels enumerated the following reasons for the anti-German drive in the United States:

- (1) The Jews and those people dependent on or in the service of Jews,
- (2) the hope of the United States that Latin-American countries represented at the Lima Conference might be induced to adopt an anti-German or even anti-European policy,
- (3) the fact that Germany is the chief competitor of the United States in South American countries,
- (4) the American armaments industry which wishes to persuade the country that America is threatened by the totalitarian states.

NO CONCERN

Dr. Goebbels says the internal affairs of the United States are no concern of Germany. "We have no reason to smuggle German political doctrines into America. We consider our political doctrines as our exclusive property and not as an article for export."

We demand, however, that other countries show that same restraint in their comments on our affairs which we show in our comments on the domestic affairs of other countries. The right to pass judgment on German events is reserved for Germans only."

POLITICAL IDEALS

The Minister says there is no anti-American feeling in Germany and that the Germans respect the political ideals of the Americans.

"We fall to see where such a dispute will lead to. What does America expect to get out of it? Does the United States believe that Germany can be brought to her knees by starvation methods such as were used in the Great War? Economic sanctions are two-edged. They strike not only those against whom they are applied, but also those who apply them."

We ask the world: What does America want? — Trans-Ocean.

Four cargo coolies were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Friday, after the hatch-cover of No. 8 hold of the s.s. Hang Sang suddenly collapsed upon them while they were at work.

NEW POST FOR FUEHRER'S MYSTERY MAN

Berlin, Yesterday.

Captain Wiedemann, whom Hitler has sent on many "mystery" missions in the past, has been appointed Nazi Consul-General at San Francisco, it is stated.

Official circles affect to know nothing of the appointment, but a member of Captain Wiedemann's family when questioned, said: "It's O. K." — Reuter.

160,000 FLEE FROM REICH

London, Yesterday.

Lord Hailey, chairman of the committee for co-ordinating the activities of the various refugee organisations, yesterday released figures of the influx of refugees into Britain.

Since 1933, he said, 160,000 refugees had left Germany and Austria.

Of this number, 20,000 had come to Britain, of whom 3,000 were children.

One quarter of the total of 20,000 had since emigrated to other countries.

Lord Hailey also announced that all refugee organisations in London were to be centralised in one building. — Trans-Ocean.

CZECH VISIT TO HERR HITLER

Berlin, Yesterday.

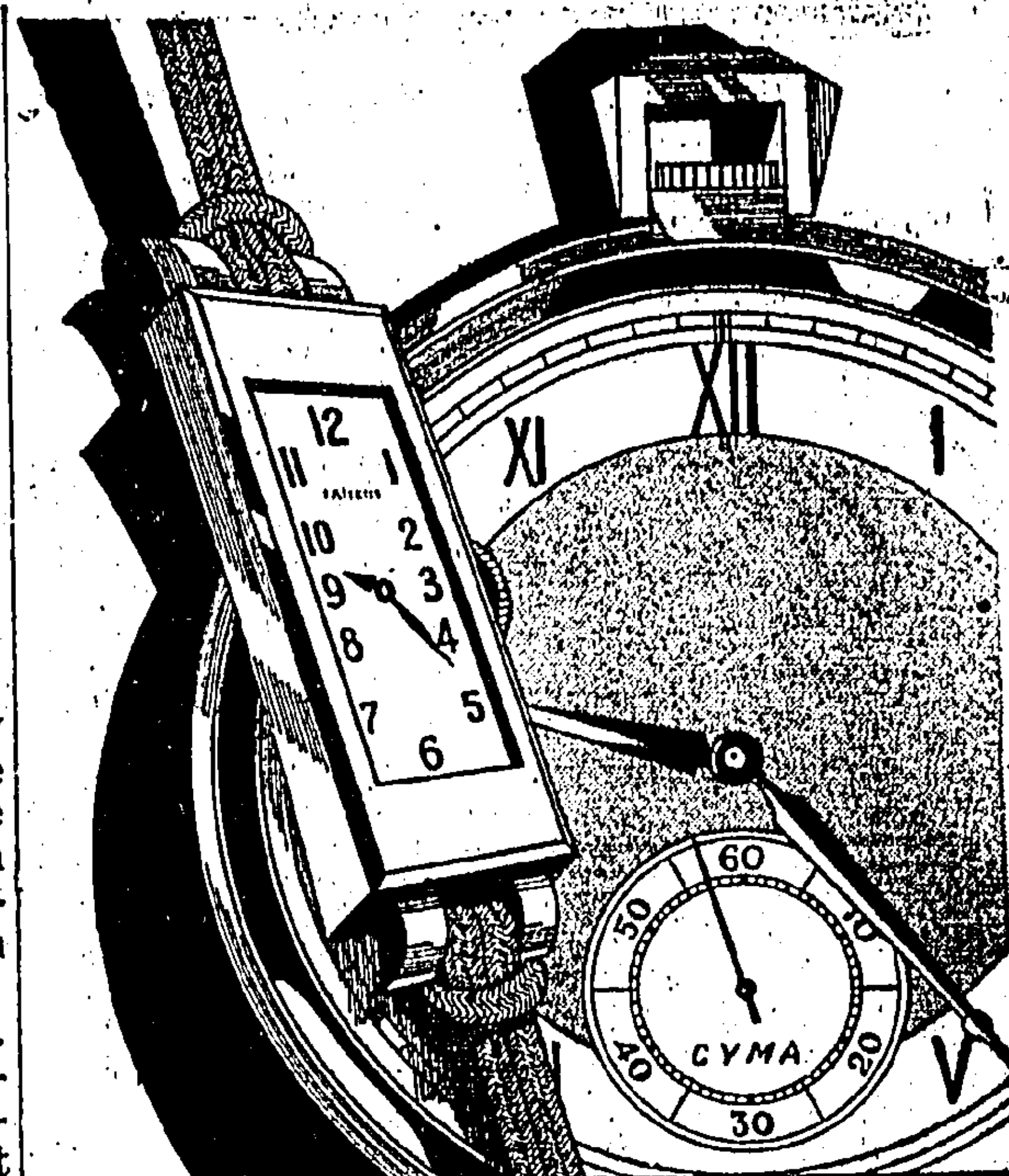
The Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Chvalkovsky who will arrive to-day for a short visit will be received by the German Chancellor this afternoon.

He will also confer with the Reich Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, and it is not unlikely that he will begin his return journey this evening.

Dr. Chvalkovsky will be accompanied by the Chef de Cabinet in Prague's Foreign Ministry, M. Masarschik. — Trans-Ocean.

A.D.C. SHOW CANCELLED

The "Sunday Herald" has been asked to announce that owing to unforeseen circumstances the Committee of the Amateur Dramatic Club have reluctantly been compelled to cancel the production of "I Killed the Count" which had been planned for February 8th-11th. It is hoped, however, that the Club will produce another play later in March or April.



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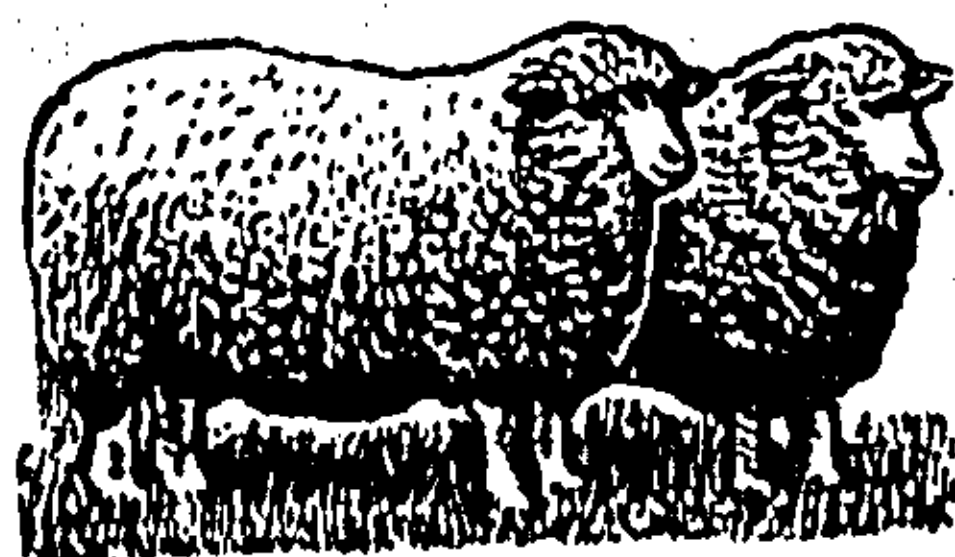
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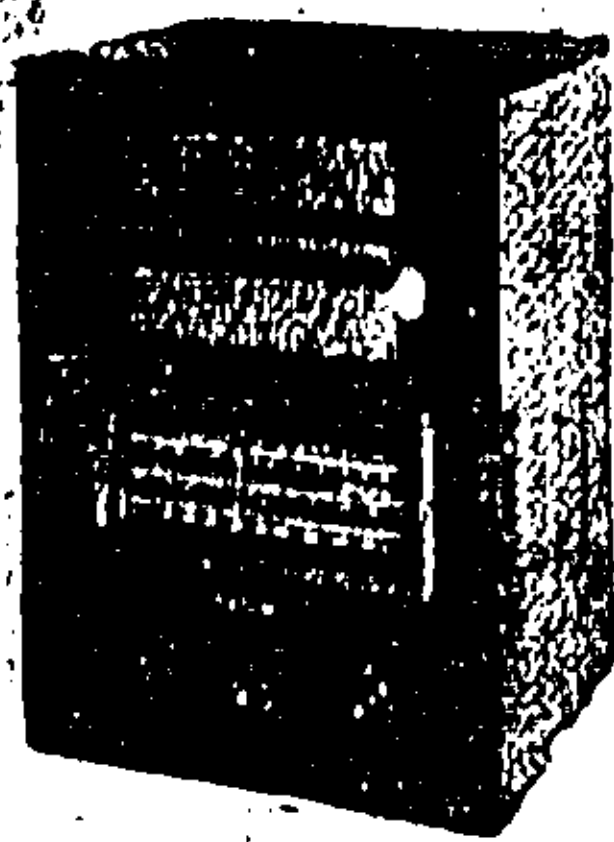
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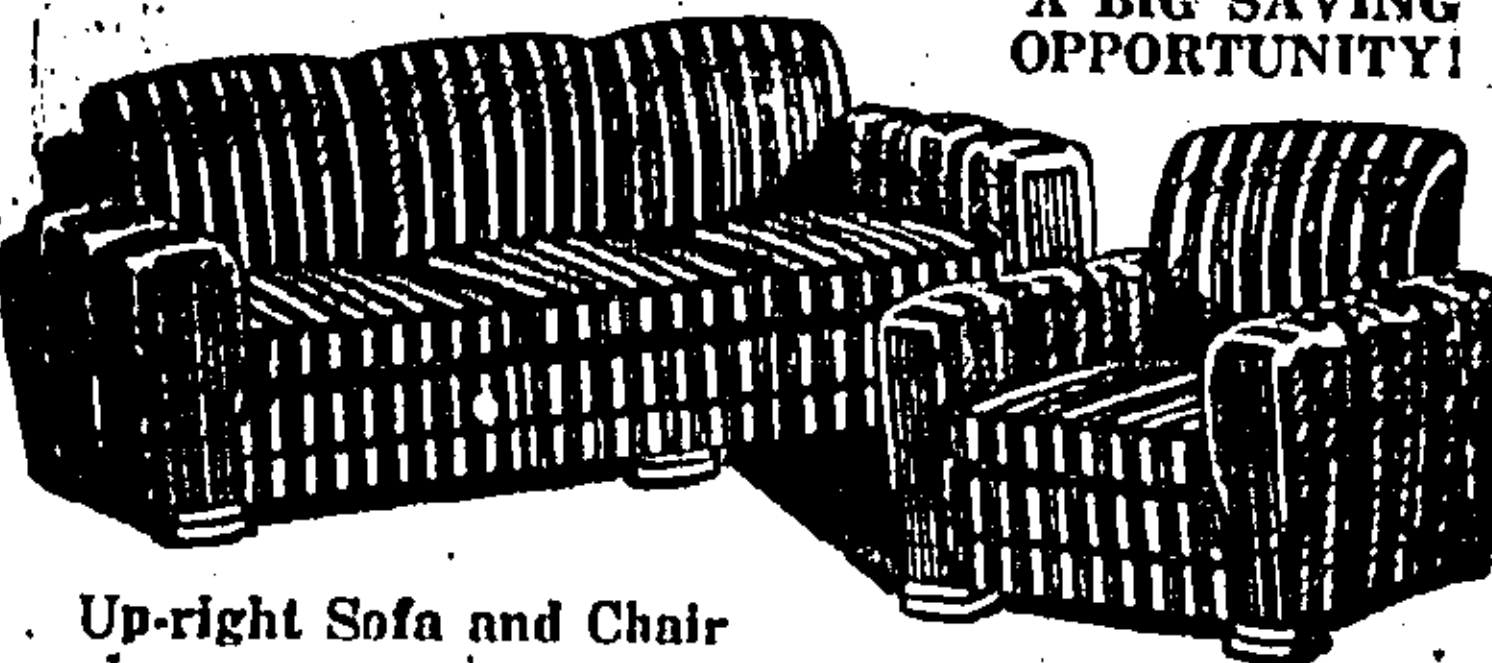
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Voyages Of Discovery To-Day

NEWS of the tragic death of Reynold Bray in the Canadian Arctic must have made many people wonder about exploring in general, and in particular what it is that explorers such as Mr. Bray can still find to do. An explanation is partly furnished by the fact that the news of Mr. Bray's death took two and a-half months to reach England. Thus exploration results from the wish to improve communications by mapping the earth's surface and the floor of the sea.

Further—this, of course, only applies to the last 10 or 15 years—if aeroplanes are to operate regular services, accurate knowledge of weather conditions is necessary. This involves an understanding of how air currents are formed in and move from the Arctic.

Men also explore now, as in the days of Vasco da Gama, to find new sources of wealth, particularly minerals such as gold and oil. Then scientists are studying geology, seeking new plants and animals and trying to establish the relationship between the fauna and flora of one continent and another.

Anthropologists and missionaries provide a further group of explorers of greater human interest. The first wish to study man's habits in the environment of the past and the second wish to give outlying communities what they suppose to be the spiritual advantages of European civilisation. Archaeologists are doing work all over the world with the object of increasing historical knowledge and collecting art treasures. Lastly, there are those feats of endurance or courage which are done for their own sake, like flying over Mount Everest or to the Poles. Although this type of exploration receives the most attention, it is, in fact, only a small fraction of the work being done by specialists of many kinds, both in remote and better-known parts of the world.

ARCTIC OPENED UP

Last summer, the Oxford University Greenland Expedition were surveying and studying geology and meteorology, the last from the point of view of an Arctic air service. Greenland attracted other expeditions as well, such as the Anglo-Canadian one, on which Mr. Bray was en-



PROSPECTOR in camp—Tom Kendall, of Nevada, U.S.A., on the gold trail near Boulder Dam.

gaged, and the British Arctic Expedition, who were at work on Ellesmere Island studying cosmic rays as well as surveying. Cosmic rays have led to the development of the theory relating to the

By BOSWORTH GOLDMAN

"heavy electron." For such work members released small balloons carrying delicate instruments, to recover which involved many dangerous and hasty journeys. At the other Pole, the British Graham Land Expedition has been studying ice formation and the life of the land.

In the Arctic, the most striking work has been carried on for a number of years by the Soviet Government, who have succeeded, by careful study of weather conditions and ice movement, in opening up not only an all-sea route to the middle of Asia, but an alternative route from Europe to the Far East via the Arctic well, such as the Anglo-Canadian Ocean. To show how successful this development has been, it is

sufficient to say that the insurance rates for shipping on the Arctic trade route have fallen by 90 per cent. in the last ten years.

In the field of pure map making, the most notable work has been done by Eric Shipton in the Karakoram and Himalaya Mountains. This work he began in 1937 and continued last year, though finding time to take part in the last attempt to climb Mount Everest. Other expeditions, French, German and Japanese, have also scaled new peaks in the Himalayas, though, in truth, these are principally feats undertaken for prestige and have but little importance otherwise.

PREDICTING EARTHQUAKES

As an example of pure scientific exploration, Dr. E. C. Bullard's investigation into the nature and incidence of the Continental Shelf (the platform of land which makes the sea relatively shallow round the edge of a continent) in mid-Atlantic should be mentioned. Bullard is working on the theory that all land is floating on a more or less hard core. By applying the Principle of Archimedes to land masses in this connection, he hopes it will be possible to predict earthquakes, and in pursuit of proof of this theory he has travelled and studied in many parts of the world.

In the mining world, most of the exploration work is begun by independent prospectors. Nesbitt, whose admirable book on Abyssinia and Venezuela may be remembered, was one of the few of this type whose exploits have been recorded. The gold fields of New Guinea owe their discovery to men who braved every kind of tropical danger—disease, head-hunters, snakes, and the rest—to prove the existence of gold.

Another dramatic example of this kind is the development of new radium, uranium, and silver mines on the shores of the Great Bear Lake in Northern Canada. Both this area and the gold fields in New Guinea are being developed by air transport, much of the necessary equipment and food being carried by this means.

In the animal and vegetable world, much work is done for the Natural History Museum, for Kew and Edinburgh Gardens and for various zoos. At this moment collectors are engaged in Angola, New Guinea and the West Indies, to give but a few examples, while the expeditions in Greenland, to which reference has been made, were also studying bird life. The Discovery II has been in and about the Antarctic regions for more than five years studying bird and fish life, among other subjects.

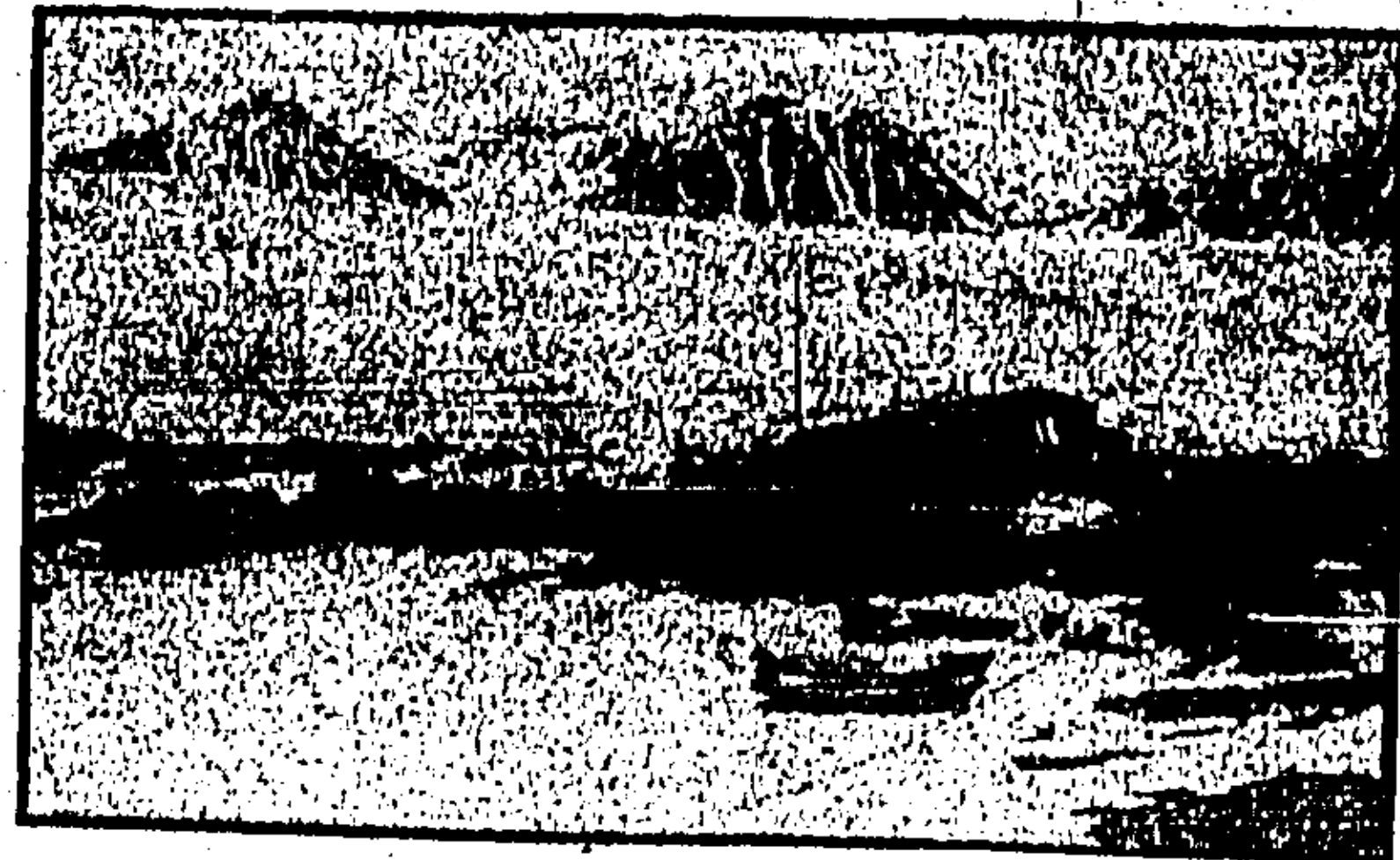
Insects, too, engage explorers, and one object of this work is to find one kind of insect which will prey on another species. For instance, a parasite is said to have been rushed from Madagascar to the Philippines to check the spread of a particular disease among pineapple plantations, and it is hoped by proper study in remote parts of the world to prevent the periodical but fearful destruction caused by locusts.

NEW PLANTS SOUGHT

In the botanical sphere, new plants for European gardens have been brought back as a result of exploration in Asia by such men as Captain Kingdon Ward, Colonel Eric Bailey and F. S. Smythe. Further specimens are now being sought by explorers in such places as Western China and Mexico. One of the staff of the Natural History Museum is collecting ferns in Venezuela, others have been studying the flora in Tibet, New Guinea and on the Great Barrier Reef.

Archaeological exploration is being carried on both in Britain and in far away countries. The Wellcome Expedition in Palestine, the Liverpool University Expedition in Southern Turkey and Sir Leonard Woolley in Iraq, have all made notable discoveries. Many other expeditions are also painstakingly at work all over the world. The results can be seen in the British Museum and similar establishments or are published in monumental books like the Survey of Iran and the Survey of India.

Anthropologists certainly rank high in importance among modern explorers. In this sphere, as in archaeological and missionary



BASE CAMP of the British Graham Land Expedition, which spent three years surveying in the Antarctic.

work, women are playing an increasingly important part. Miss Lindgren in Manchuria, and Miss Audrey Richards and Miss Lucy Mair in Africa, may be mentioned in this connection.

THE WAYS OF MEN

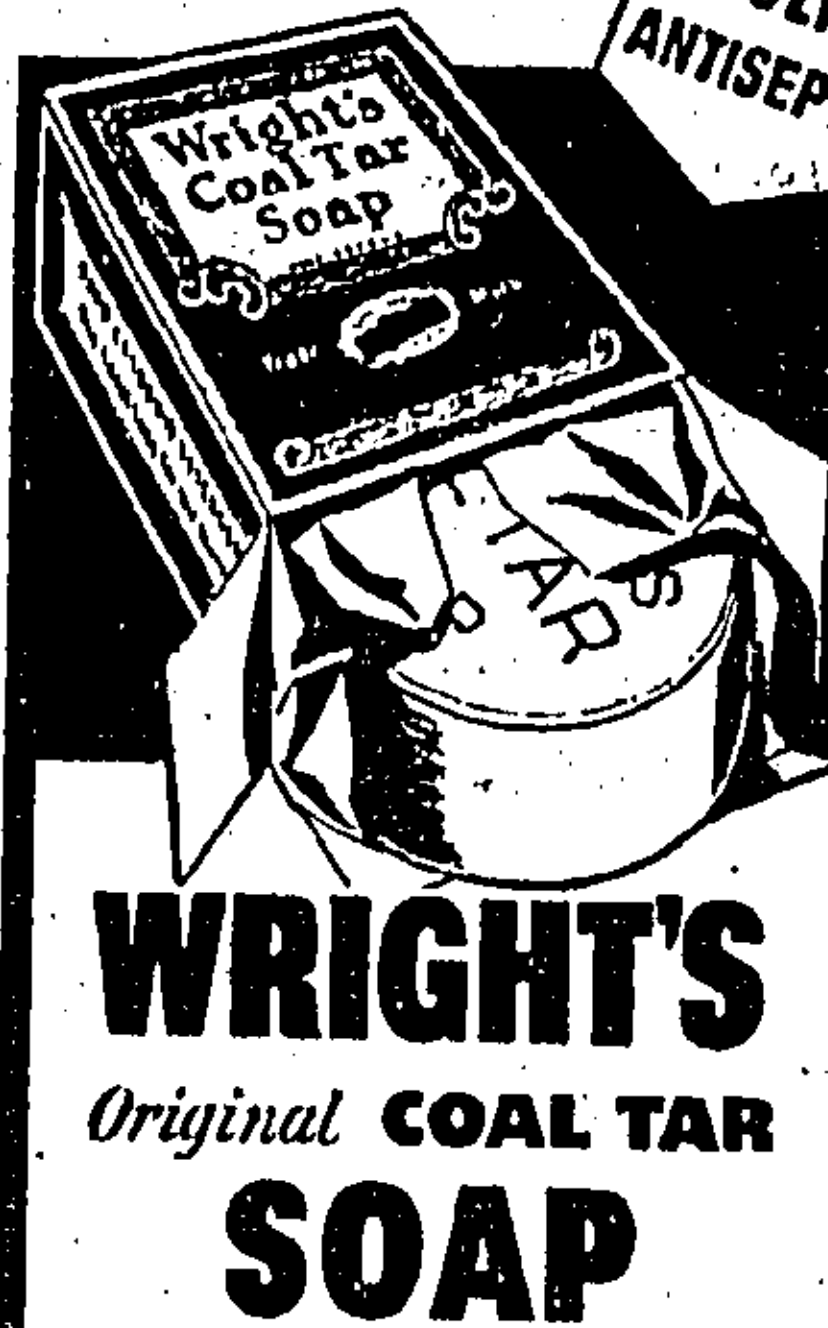
These anthropologists are studying the habits and customs of the indigenous inhabitants of Australia, Africa, China, and many other places, with a view to arranging that the impact of European civilisation upon them may not be too harsh. The value attached to this work can be appreciated from the increasing number of anthropologists who are permanently employed by Colonial and Dominion Governments.

The China Inland Mission is an excellent current example of a continuance of the exploring tra-

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He claims that he has now reached a stage in his work when he could guarantee the perfection of the invention.

"But," he declares "I am growing tired of being put off and told to wait. I hate to think of such a thing, but it may mean that I shall in the end be forced to sell the invention to a foreign Power."

The scientist is Mr. R. M. Cooper, who works in a basement laboratory in the West End of London.

After years of experiment he has evolved a "Wonder Shell" which, he says, will enable Army gunners to account for any raiding plane that comes within range.

The shell will automatically explode the instant it gets near its objective.

"IMPOSSIBLE" DEMAND

"It is a well-known fact," Mr. Cooper said, "that gunners firing at planes can seldom be sure of accuracy."

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Complaining of the attitude of the War Office, Mr. Cooper said: "The usual thing has happened. I have been treated in much the same manner as was the British inventor of the depth-charge."

"I have been asked to submit working models—but, of course, this is almost impossible for me to do without active assistance from the War Office."

"I cannot build the guns with which to test my apparatus."

Rift In The Nazi Lute: Rumours Ignore All Denials

Dr. Goebbels Bitterly Criticised Widely



During his visit to El Dlem, the French Premier, M. Daladier, met a number of Tunisian chiefs and inspected the famous amphitheatre. Photo shows M. Daladier kissing the daughter of a Tunisian chief. He was given an enthusiastic reception by the Tunisians. (Air Mail).

MAN WALKS OUT OF ZOO WITH ALLIGATORS

A raider who walked out of Belle Vue Zoological Gardens, Manchester, last week with a couple of young alligators tucked underneath his arm, probably will not have them for long, even if the police do not find him.

Mr. Gerald Iles, curator of the Zoo, stated that it is likely that carrying the reptiles into the air has given them a chill from which they will not recover.

The thief, it is thought, intended to sell the alligators as pets. Some dealers dispose of as many as 300 a year for this purpose.

"Whoever stole the alligators," said Mr. Iles, "must have had a considerable knowledge of them to avoid being badly bitten."

The thief also showed his knowledge by taking the alligators and leaving the crocodiles, which are not so hardy.

TUCKED UNDER HIS ARM?
A piece of cloth used for cleaning in the reptile house is missing. It is presumed that the

thief rolled the reptiles in the cloth so that they could not struggle, and probably walked calmly out of the gardens with them tucked under his arm.

Belle Vue recently bought the whole of the reptile collection of the Liverpool Zoo, of which the missing alligators were part.

The theft was discovered when a keeper found that the door of a cage in the reptile house had been forced.

The stolen alligators were between 3ft. and 4ft. long.

DETECTIVE ACCUSED AS NAZI SPY

COPENHAGEN, YESTERDAY. A DETECTIVE IN THE DANISH SECRET POLICE, A BARRISTER, AND FOUR NAZIS, ONE OF THEM A FOREIGNER, WERE ARRESTED DURING LAST WEEK, IT IS REVEALED.

The detective, named Polving, is accused of being a Nazi spy within Secret Police headquarters.

He is alleged to have produced photographs of secret documents from headquarters about German emigrants and to have helped the barrister, Pontoppidan, to copy them.

Pontoppidan is charged with having given information contained in the documents to Danish and foreign Nazis.

The present arrests follow those of 14 Germans last November. They were accused of having organised a well-planned system of espionage on international shipping in the Baltic especially on Russian cargo ships going to Spain.

Pontoppidan, who is a Danish Nazi, had been briefed to defend these alleged spies.

Prince Aged 69 Sued For Breach of Promise

London, Yesterday.

A writ for alleged breach of promise, it is revealed, has been served on Prince Michael Radziwill, sixty-nine-year-old Polish cousin of the ex-Kaiser, by Mme. Jeanette Suchestov, thirty-six-year-old Polish beauty.

The prince has entered an ap-

pearance to the action, which is likely to be heard within the next few months.

Prince Radziwill, now living in London, was married in May last year at Carlton Hall, to Mrs. Harriet Steward Dawson, fifty-eight-year-old wealthy London widow.

Mme. Suchestov, who has been living in London since July, said: "I hope the action will be heard as soon as possible."

HELD TO BLAME FOR THE VIOLENCE OF THE ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

Berlin, Yesterday.

Rumours of impending far-reaching changes in high places persist in spite of the official German denial.

Rumour centres chiefly round the name of Dr. Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda, who is held largely responsible for the Jewish pogrom, which has aroused such bitterness in the outside world against Germany, and who is said to be seriously out of favour with Herr Hitler in consequence.

Many different versions of the 'fate' destined for him are in circulation.

It is, for instance, repeated that Herr Hitler intends to send him to the Far East as Germany's Ambassador in Tokyo. It is also stated, however, that he may be reduced to the position of District Leader of the Nazi Party in some district well away from Berlin.

Field-Marshal Goering's position has also been the subject of 'discreet' talk in the beer-halls. While some quarters suggest that he has lost face over the Four-Year-Plan and may be superseded, other well-informed quarters hint that in the coming shuffle, he will be appointed Vice-Chancellor and Minister for War.

HIMMLER'S JOB

Herr Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, is expected to gain promotion. It is even suggested that he may succeed Goering as Minister for Air and that Dr. Funk will be given full charge of the Four Year Plan.

This is partly because Herr Hitler feels it desirable to replace him as Gestapo chief as Himmler is scarcely more popular than Dr. Goebbels.

The head of the Ministry of Propaganda is likely to be the nominee of Herr von Ribbentrop, it is suggested.

Observers interpret the alleged changes as a victory for Field-Marshal Goering, despite his friction with von Ribbentrop on many points of policy.—Special.

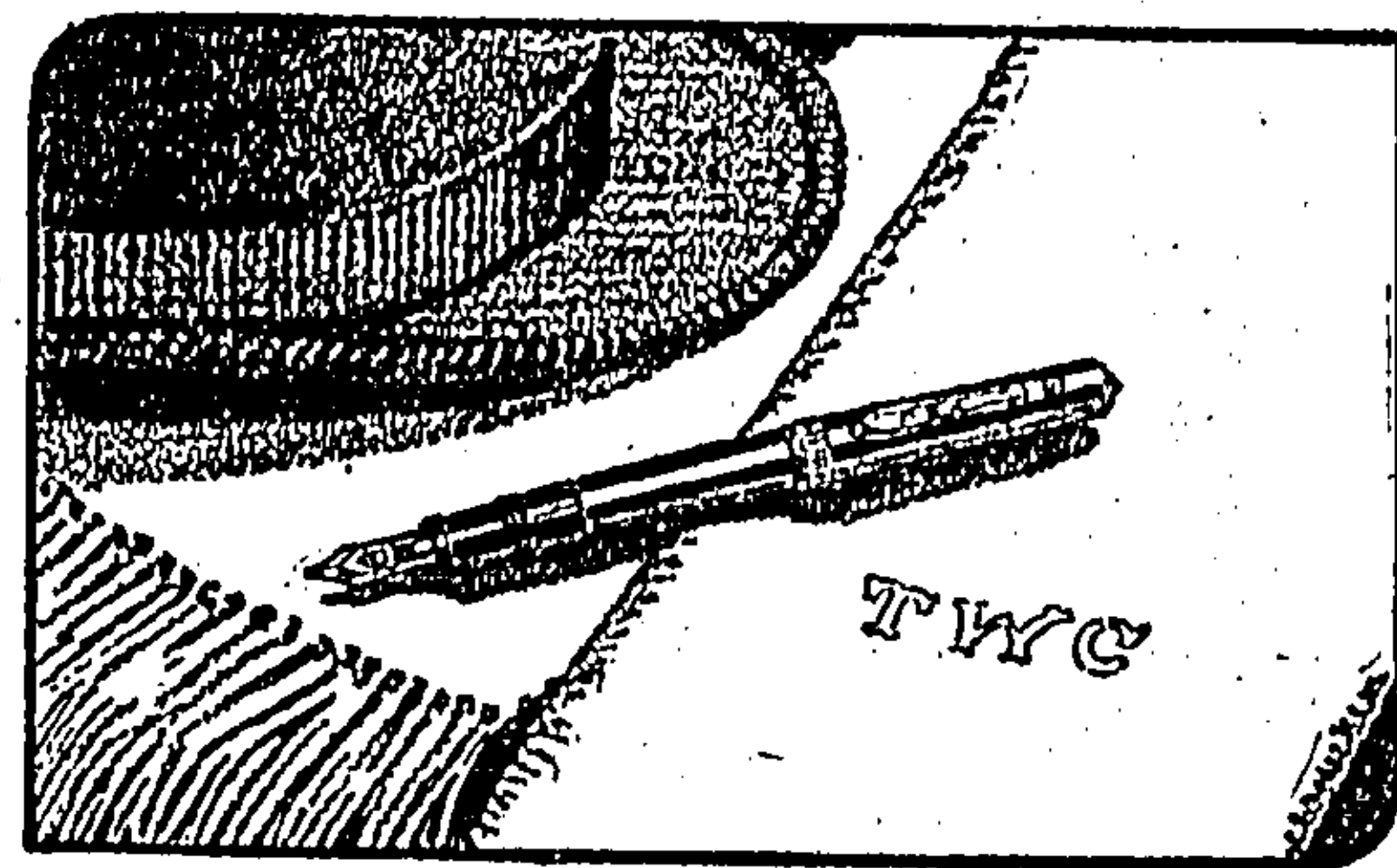
SCHACHT RESIGNATION

London, Yesterday.

City circles have not yet got over their surprise at the "resignation" of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the Reichsbank President, and his replacement by Dr. Walter Funk, the Economics Minister.

Even Reichsbank officials in Berlin, says a report, knew nothing of the development, which it is believed is intended to achieve unified control of the German economic system for carrying out the Five-Year Plan.

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IN OLD HONG KONG

THE charge of nepotism—long a favourite one with the critics of a governmental policy—has fortunately seldom been levied in Hong Kong. This does not mean that the Colony has been singularly exempt from the practice, as instances are on record when it allegedly persisted, but none have been more widely publicised than that of the Hon. William Thomas Mercer, nephew of Sir John Davis, who by dint of his judicious avuncular boasting was enabled to rise high in local administrative circles.

The Hon. William Thomas Mercer was the son of Mr. George Mercer of Gorthy, N.B., and was supposedly born in the year 1822. Little is known of his early life save that he was a law student of the Middle Temple, Oxford, where he was a classmate and bosom friend of Mr. (later Dr.) W. T. Bridges, the barrister who figured notoriously in the history of the Colony as we mentioned last week. He first entered the arena of local events, when as a young man of two and twenty, he accompanied his uncle, Sir John Francis Davis, as a sort of supernumerary in the latter's extensive entourage of officials who arrived here on May 4, 1844, as the personnel of the newly constituted Government of Hong Kong.

The youth was ostensibly his uncle's private secretary, but with the acquiescence of the latter, he was appointed the following year to the position of Colonial Treasurer.

From this post it was an easy step to further advancement, and he was in due course gazetted a Justice of the Peace on January 8, 1847, a Member of the Legislative Council on December 30th of the same year, and on March 31st, two years later, as a Member of the Executive Council.

The problem of further promotion for the young man was ap-

A COUP DE MAITRE Worthy Of Better Cause

BY
PRENDERGAST

the responsibility did not lie with him, and censured for admissions which he had no power to repair, is however now so generally acknowledged that it is needless to dwell upon the subject."

PURE WATER AND MIRROR

The address alluded to above bore the signature of 178 of the leading European residents of the day, and the Chinese community not to be outdone presented two further testimonials of esteem—one by the Chinese merchants and the other by the Chinese Interpreters and a few leading hongks. It was the Chinese inhabitants, moreover, who took the leading part in doing him honour, and a description of their farewell programme is given in the *China Mail* in its issue of Monday, May 13, 1867:

"Quite a demonstration was got up by the Chinese at the Parade Ground Wharf at 1.30, at which time Mr. Mercer left the pier to proceed on board the steamer. The Chinese procession formed in the native town, and marched through the streets in full adornment of banners, musicians, Chinese stands, &c., and we could note, amongst other things, the basin of pure water and the looking-glass, emblematic of the purity of motive and clearness of intellect of the departing man."

After his arrival in England, Mr. Mercer established himself at Reading, Berks, and his death at the age of fifty-seven was recorded on May 23, 1879. Thus passed the man whose fate it was to bring upon the Colony much undesired vituperation as a result of his mistaken loyalty to Dr. Bridges.

parently for the time, being at least a stumbling block, but it was soon solved by a coup de maitre worthy of a better cause. This was the means employed according to the *Hongkong Register* of July 8, 1866:

"Mr. Mercer... was... Treasurer under his uncle, then, by credit of his uncle and the permission of the Home Government, gazetted, while in England, Chief Magistrate over Mr. Hillier's head, the office of which he never discharged for one single day, it being only a convenient stone to the situation of Colonial Secretary and Auditor General."

If we are to believe contemporary accounts, Mr. Mercer was allegedly more or less of a sinecurist in his official position; for, according to the statements of one local newspaper of the day, a scandal resulted which one can hardly avoid noticing:

"Mr. Mercer had for some time held that office nominally (i.e. of Colonial Treasurer), but utterly neglecting its duties, the entire functions fell into the hands of the chief clerk (a Mr. Rlenaecker), who had come to Hong Kong as a gentleman's valet. Upon Mr. Mercer's promotion (to Colonial Secretary in April 1864), this chief clerk could dictate his own terms. He consequently became Treasurer, filled the office for some time, absconded under pretext of leave of absence, and was found to be a defaulter to a considerable sum. He knew too much of what had been going on above him, and therefore prosecution was out of the question. His defalcations were hushed up, and he retired from the service in its leading article of Friday,

honourably as an 'Esquire.' " However well-intentioned Mr. Mercer may have been, he has been much blamed for his part in the monstrous scandals and dissensions which seethed in the Colony during the regime of Sir John Bowring, and qualified at that time as the 'accredited and usurped Government of one Dr. Bridges.'

After Dr. Bridges' departure in April 1861, Mr. Mercer resumed the office of Colonial Secretary which he held until his retirement in May, 1867. The latter years of his sojourn were apparently without incident, and were passed in atoning for the serious blunders of the past. Although he ceaselessly endeavoured to secure for himself further advancement in office, his record was against him, and he never rose higher in position than the one he retired upon. His frequent trips to England in order to influence Downing Street were fruitless, and in spite of his uncle's influence, he had to return to Hong Kong a disappointed man. The frigid reception of the Foreign Office to his pleas for special privileges impressed upon him the desirability of terminating his career in the Colony, and he accordingly departed for Home on May 13, 1867. No honorary distinction was bestowed upon him, but the Hong Kong public in a spirit of incomparable magnanimity presented him the usual addresses. Even the press which, less than a dozen years before, had been so bitterly hostile in its general attitude towards him was now conspicuously cordial. One local newspaper, the *China Mail*, in its leading article of Friday,

May 10, 1867 in commenting upon his departure, said in part:

"It is with much pleasure that we note the fact that a farewell address is to be presented to Mr. Mercer on his leaving the Colony with which his name has been identified for a period of over twenty years... To enter upon an extended review of his career during his lengthened period is beyond our intention, but we would nevertheless devote a few lines to taking farewell of one who, whatever the assertions of his opponents, has honourably fulfilled the duties which devolved upon him, alike to the satisfaction of the Home Government, and of those who value scholarship, tact, and those virtues which have exerted so much influence in the social circles of the Colony."

"Mr. Mercer's duties have been far more arduous than those which commonly devolve upon any official who has not been de facto the Governor of a Colony. During the periods in which he has administered the Government he has been called upon to exercise discretionary powers which required extreme caution and prudence, and these qualities were admirably displayed. For the many sins of omission with which his enemies have charged him, a satisfactory reason was to be found in the fact that he was unable from his position to take that independent action which, as recently displayed by Sir R. MacDonnell, has resulted in so much good to the Colony at large. That he has been seriously blamed, for the errors of which

WANTED: A NEW NANSEN

"ONE form of punishment often had a fatal ending. The victim was bound to a tree and his arms were tied backwards above his head. Then his legs, with which he could still just touch the ground, were bound so tightly that the blood stopped flowing in his veins. In this fearful position, the unhappy man was compelled to hang for hours on end. And this barbarous martyrdom was by no means an exceptional occurrence; day after day men could be seen hanging in this position in Buchenwald."

One particularly tragic death must be recorded. We had among us a quite young man, Erich Lowenberg, barely twenty-two years old. He was the choir-leader in a Synagogue. He had been married very young, and his wife was expecting a baby in two months' time. This Erich Lowenberg was out carrying heavy stones on the road one day—it was about July 15th 1938—when he was deliberately forced by his S.S. guard to walk in front of an oncoming motor-lorry, which was driven by another S.S. man. An hour and a half later the young man was dead. It was one case of many."

These are extracts from an account of the German concentration camp at Buchenwald, written by a prisoner who entered it on June 18th 1938.

These are by no means the most terrible things in his account. They are almost humane, compared with the other tortures practised in the Concentration Camps, of which I have received all too many detailed and reliable accounts since the House of Commons debated the Jewish pogroms a few weeks ago.

Dachau used to be the Camp with the worst reputation. It has been outclassed for the time by Buchenwald; but Sachsenhausen is not far behind. Since vom Rath was attacked in Paris on November 8th, 16,000 Jews have been sent to Buchenwald, 11,000 to Dachau and 11,000 to Sachsenhausen. Buchenwald is being enlarged, so that its total capacity will soon be 25,000.

Verified personal reports show that on the first night of the pogroms a minimum number of 685 Jewish men and women are known to have been murdered in the towns of Germany.

When the men of military age were rounded up and sent to Concentration Camps, the S.S. men did not bother about the legal age limits of 18 to 60. There are known cases of boys of 14 and old men of 80 who shared that fate.

In the country districts, all the Jews who are not in Concentration Camps, i.e. the old, the sick, the women and the children, have been driven out from their villages and forbidden to return. They have been obliged to take to the forests, where they find such food and shelter as they can.

Ninety per cent of the Jewish synagogues, hospitals and other social institutions have been demolished. The Jewish cemeteries have been desecrated and destroyed.

The individual atrocities against men, women and children of which I have been told are much too numerous—and much too terrible—to record.

By
**PHILIP NOEL
BAKER, M.P.**

But, again, this campaign of violence, destruction and assault is neither so terrible nor so important as the changes in the "Laws" of Germany which Herr Hitler has now introduced.

By these changes, Herr Hitler has confiscated almost every farthing of the Jews' invested capital. What is the meaning of these changes which Herr Hitler has made by his Decrees? A British correspondent in Berlin has given us two estimates. On November 21st the Times said:

"It is becoming increasingly clear that the effect of the measures against the Jews in Germany will be to make some 500,000 people outlaws. In everything but name. Like outlaws they will soon find themselves unable to find any shelter, since they may not live in the same house with Germans or houses owned by Germans, and will even be disqualified from owning real estate themselves."

On December 4th the same correspondent said that Herr Hitler's "relentless campaign" is being carried on

"with the object of making life in the Reich utterly intolerable for the Jews, thus driving them to leave Germany on any terms which the Government may choose to dictate, and compelling other countries to accept them on the same terms."

After New Year's Day, no Jew in Germany is able to own

any money or other possession; no Jew is able to earn his living or to find shelter for his head. The mortality in the Concentration Camps is already very high; suicide is accounting for many more. If any are to survive at all after Herr Hitler's Decrees come into full effect, it will be because they have succeeded in reaching the German frontier, and because some neighbouring state has let them in. In other words, either half a million innocent men, women and children will have been driven to a fearful death; or else the other nations of Europe will have half a million completely destitute refugees upon their hands.

"Half a million? Well, that will be the beginning. After that there may follow the million Non-Aryans; the Roman Catholics, of whom already 16,000 have been driven out from the Reich as refugees; and the Jews from Poland, where, we are told now, a strong demand for their expulsion is growing up."

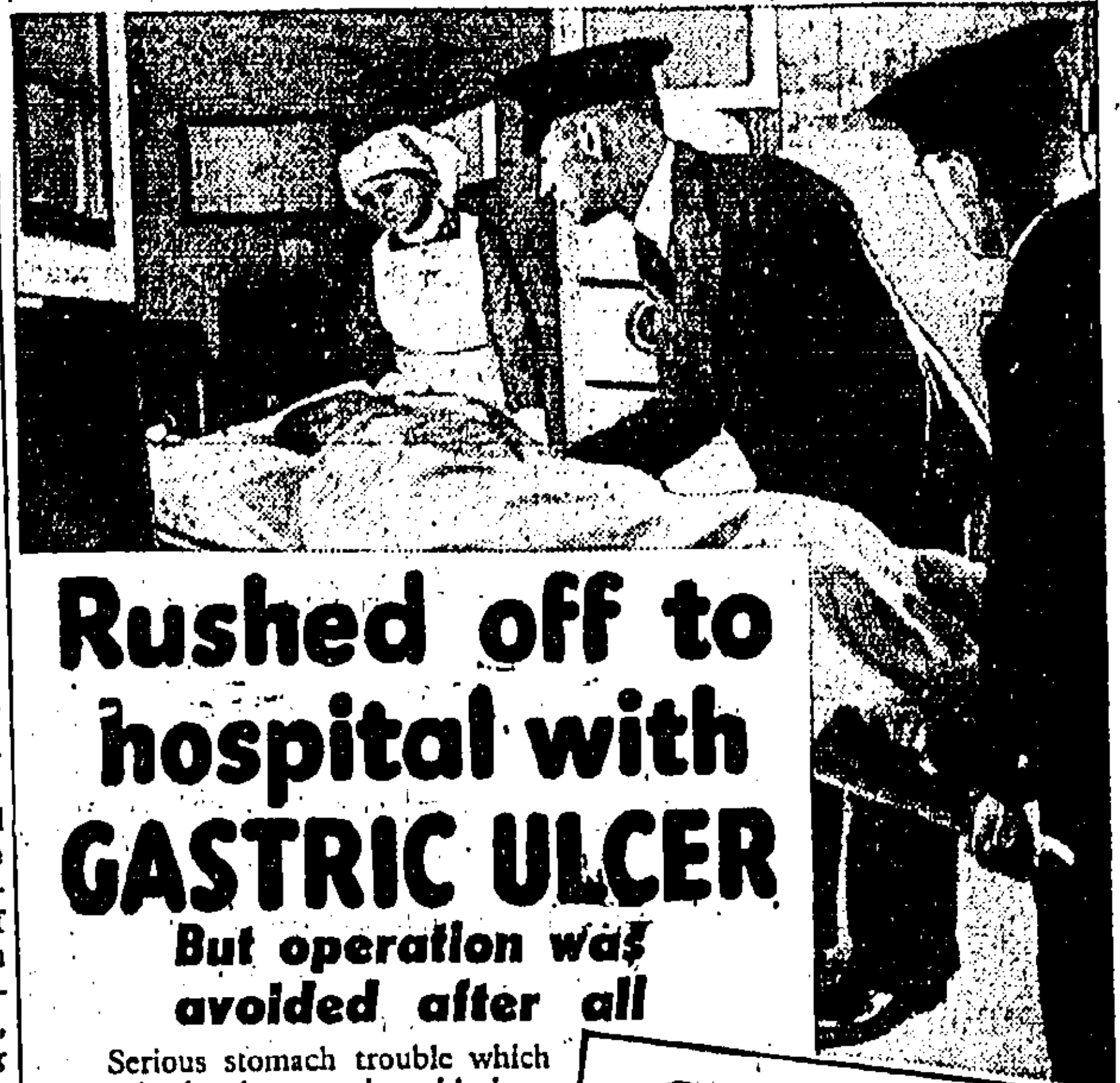
These are not the gloomy guesses of an emotional foreigner; they are the absolute certainties of the next weeks and months, unless the other Governments can do something to hold the German Government in restraint.

What are the other Governments doing about this problem, of such vital and urgent importance to themselves?

So far, almost nothing. Only President Roosevelt has even protested against the pogroms and the Decrees by which they were followed. We now hear a little talk of the possible relaxation of the Decrees. Personally, I believe it to be a blind. If it were true, it would be due to President Roosevelt and to the unorganised public opinion of the world. No other Government but that of the United States has lifted a finger either to protect the Jews in Germany, to force the German Government to let them bring some money away, or by other means to protect its own country against the consequences of the fearful influx of starving, destitute people which they know is sure to come.

And no Government has done anything to prepare for that influx when it arrives. They are still haggling about visas, granting them by scores or hundreds. They are still relying on private charity to provide the funds required to feed, clothe, house and settle half a million people. Every week I wish more bitterly that Dr. Nansen were alive to-day.

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JAPAN'S HONG KONG TRADE
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Interesting Figures In Returns For 1938

United Kingdom
Tops List
Outside China

A slump in Japan's export trade to Hong Kong from over \$58,000,000 in both 1936 and 1937 to under \$19,000,000 in 1938, causing her to fall from second to eighth place behind the United Kingdom, United States, Dutch East Indies, Germany, Siam and French Indo-China, is revealed by the final figures for the year, published by the Statistical Branch yesterday.

Japan's imports from Hong Kong which reached between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in 1936 and 1937 fell to approximately \$3,300,000. The United Kingdom enjoyed its best trade for many years. The total imports jumped to \$56,414,000, placing her in second position behind China, as compared with \$46,700,000 in 1937, \$29,000,000 in 1936, \$23,900,000 in 1935 and \$32,500,000 in 1934.

December's figures are very interesting, too, as they show that despite the Japanese activities in South China, exports were reasonably well maintained, with a marked jump in trade with French Indo-China and Kwangchowwan.

Trade with South China was represented by \$5,308,846 imports and \$3,510,883 exports. The combined values of the Colony's imports and exports of merchandise (excluding treasure) during 1938 amounted to \$1,130.1 millions (\$509.9 millions sterling) as compared with \$1,084.4 millions (\$506.9 millions) in 1937, and \$803.3 millions (\$360.6 millions) in 1936.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 4.2% in 1938 as compared with 1937, and by 40.7% as compared with 1936.

In terms of sterling the total visible trade increased by 4.5% in 1938 as compared with 1937, and by 38.1% as compared with 1936.

Imports of merchandise totalled \$618.1 (\$282.2 millions) in 1938 as compared with \$517.1 (\$238.1 millions) in 1937 and \$462.4 (\$208.5 millions) in 1936; whilst exports totalled \$511.9 (\$247.9 millions) in 1938 as compared with \$407.3 (\$182.8 millions) in 1937 and \$350.9 (\$152.1 millions) in 1936.

In terms of local currency imports of merchandise in 1938 increased by 0.2% as compared with 1937, and by 36.0% as compared with 1936; whilst exports increased by 0.5% as compared with 1937, and by 46.9% as compared with 1936.

Of the total declared imports of merchandise into the Colony during the year 1938, China accounted for 37.7%; United Kingdom 9.1% as compared with 34.2% in 1937, and 34.2% in 1936; U.S.A. 8.8% as compared with 8.4% in 1937, and 8.4% in 1936; Siam 5.9% as compared with 5.0% in 1937, and 5.0% in 1936; and India 1.0% as compared with 1.0% in 1937, and 1.0% in 1936.

The following countries showed declined shares of the import trade: Japan from 9.4% in 1937 to 3.0% in 1938; Netherlands East Indies from 7.0% to 0.6%; French Indo-China from 6.6% to 5.6%; British Malaya from 1.6% to 1.2%; Australia from 2.2% to 2.0%; Belgium from 1.6% to 1.0%; and "Other Countries" from 1.1% to 1.0%.

Of the total declared exports of merchandise from the Colony during the year 1938, China accounted for 45.1% as compared with 40.7% in 1937, and 40.7% in 1936; U.S.A. 10.2% as compared with 8.8% in 1937, and 8.8% in 1936; Siam 3.1% as compared with 3.0% in 1937, and 3.0% in 1936; India 1.1% as compared with 1.1% in 1937, and 1.1% in 1936; and "Other Countries" 12.9% as compared with 12.2% in 1937, and 12.2% in 1936.

The following countries showed declined shares of the export trade: British Malaya from 8.5% in 1937 to 7.2% in 1938; French Indo-China from 6.1% to 4.5%; Japan from 4.2% to 0.6%; United Kingdom from 4.5% to 1.2%; Kwangchow Wan from 2.1% to 1.9%; Netherlands East Indies from 3.3% to 2.8%; and Philippines from 2.8% to 1.9%.

QUARTERLY COMPARISONS
 The following comparative tables show the quarterly values of imports and exports of merchandise since 1935 in \$'s and millions:—

IMPORTS

	1935	1936	1937	1938
1st	26.3	8.1	10.0	10.0
2nd	98.2	131.7	162.1	162.1
3rd	27.4	9.5	11.1	11.1
4th	114.1	164.8	180.1	180.1
Total	106.7	169.8	203.9	203.9

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Total	106.7	169.8	203.9	203.9

DISTRIBUTION OF TRADE
 The following comparative tables show the distribution of the imports and exports of merchandise during the years 1934/1938:—

IMPORTS

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
China	35.3	33.3	35.6	34.2	37.7
U. K.	8.3	6.2	8.5	7.6	9.1
U. S. A.	7.8	6.5	6.4	7.0	8.8
U. S. A.	7.1	7.3	7.1	8.4	8.8
Indo-China	6.3	8.9	5.7	6.0	5.6
Siam	8.0	5.0	6.0	3.7	5.9
Germany	3.3	4.5	1.0	1.5	1.2
Malaya	2.0	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.9
India	1.3	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0
Australia	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.2	2.0
Belgium	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.0
Others	9.1	8.9	7.7	11.2	10.9

EXPORTS

	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938
China	48.0	49.0	42.7	40.7	45.1
Malaya	7.0	6.3	7.3	8.5	7.2
Indo-China	7.4	5.3	5.0	5.1	4.5
Japan	3.5	4.2	5.1	4.2	0.6
U. K.	2.0	2.8	3.8	4.5	4.1
Macao	5.3	4.9	3.7	3.7	4.1
Siam	4.5	3.9	4.1	3.0	3.1
U. S. A.	6.7	7.8	8.1	8.8	10.2
Kwangchow	2.5	3.4	3.0	2.1	1.9
N. E. I.	2.6	2.3	2.8	3.3	2.8
Philippines	1.6	1.8	3.8	2.8	1.9
India	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0
Others	8.0	7.0	9.7	12.2	12.9

VALUES BY COUNTRIES
 The following comparative tables show total values of imports and exports of merchandise, by countries, for the years 1935/1938:—

IMPORTS

	1935	1937	1938
U. K.	29,008	40,732	50,414
Australia	9,114	13,351	12,406
Burma	561	18,203	5,169
Canada	3,852	6,110	6,177
Ceylon	360	354	275
E. Africa	394	483	400
India	5,765	6,424	4,101
British Malaya	7,052	9,125	7,001
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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations yesterday:—

W. India	52	1	505
Br. E. Other	249	433	6,013
Belgium	6,599	9,901	115,198
China, North	70,233	84,185	12,497
China, Middle	7,105	11,195	12,497
China, South	74,043	116,941	105,589
Cuba	91	1	12
C. America	13	1	12
Denmark	109	0	2,010
Egypt	159	225	163
France	1,700	3,577	3,748
Indo-China	25,700	40,770	34,410
Holland	23,018	30,898	30,039
Italy	2,892	6,713	5,384
Japan	551	2,590	2,201
Japan	58,030	58,944	18,781
Kwangchow	6,034	7,535	9,121
Macao	6,541	11,044	13,650
Norway	385	1,106	1,101
N. E. India	38,334	40,015	40,067
Philippines	1,270	2,608	2,297
Portugal	81	149	201
Siam	29,780	22,065	36,241
S. America	354	1,650	1,470
Sweden	2,302	1,844	1,201
Switzerland	244	909	887
Spain	300	173	149
U. S. A.	32,181	51,776	54,700
Others	3,853	3,982	4,745
Total	462,360	617,064	618,160

Total Br. Empire 68,010 99,648 100,289

Total Foreign 333,431 517,416 511,880

EXPORTS (\$'000's omitted)

Countries	1936	1937	1938
U. K.	13,282	20,874	21,210
Australia	1,830	2,894	2,864
Burma	2,525	3,467	3,125
Canada	2,173	2,850	2,240
Ceylon	929	1,318	1,201
E. Africa	260	518	201
India	4,816	5,300	5,440
British Malaya	25,767	30,800	36,882
New Zealand	575	762	744
B. N. Borneo	965	1,549	1,555
S. Africa	826	1,427	1,747
W. Africa	1,078	1,040	684
W. India	4,075	6,229	3,265
Br. E. Other	2,450	3,101	2,459
Belgium	1,296	1,374	2,555
China, North	20,019	35,517	62,935
China, Middle	20,272	28,658	28,148
China, South	100,449	123,226	130,644
Cuba	149	184	146
C. America	1,674	1,980	1,500
Denmark	333	452	250
Egypt	170	330	338
France	3,273	4,568	8,858
Indo-China	17,370	24,004	23,155
Germany	3,312	11,880	13,138
Holland	1,835	4,057	7,366
Holland	70	258	330
Japan	17,955	19,780	3,310
Kwangchow	10,586	9,735	9,884
Macao	13,001	17,056	20,882
Norway	37	136	425
N. E. India	15,559	14,432	14,432
Philippines	11,500	13,208	9,502
Portugal	3	6	18
S. America	14,500	14,173	15,970
Sweden	2,328	2,175	610
Switzerland	132	385	401
Spain	95	1	3
U. S. A.	28,430	41,129	52,041
Others	1,705	2,421	12,402
Total	350,865	407,323	511,002

Total Br. Empire 61,577 91,941 83,514

Total Foreign 289,288 375,382 428,388

DECEMBER FIGURES

The combined values of imports and exports of merchandise (excluding treasure) as declared during the month of December, 1938 totalled \$30 millions (\$5 millions) as compared with \$95.1 millions (\$25.9 millions) in December, 1937.

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony (excluding treasure) decreased by 15.9% as compared with December, 1937, and by 15.3% in terms of sterling.

Imports totalled \$46.5 millions (\$22.9 millions) as compared with \$49.3 millions (\$23.1 millions) in December, 1937, and exports \$43.5 millions (\$22.8 millions), as compared with \$45.8 millions (\$22.8 millions), as compared with 1937, and exports decreased by 5

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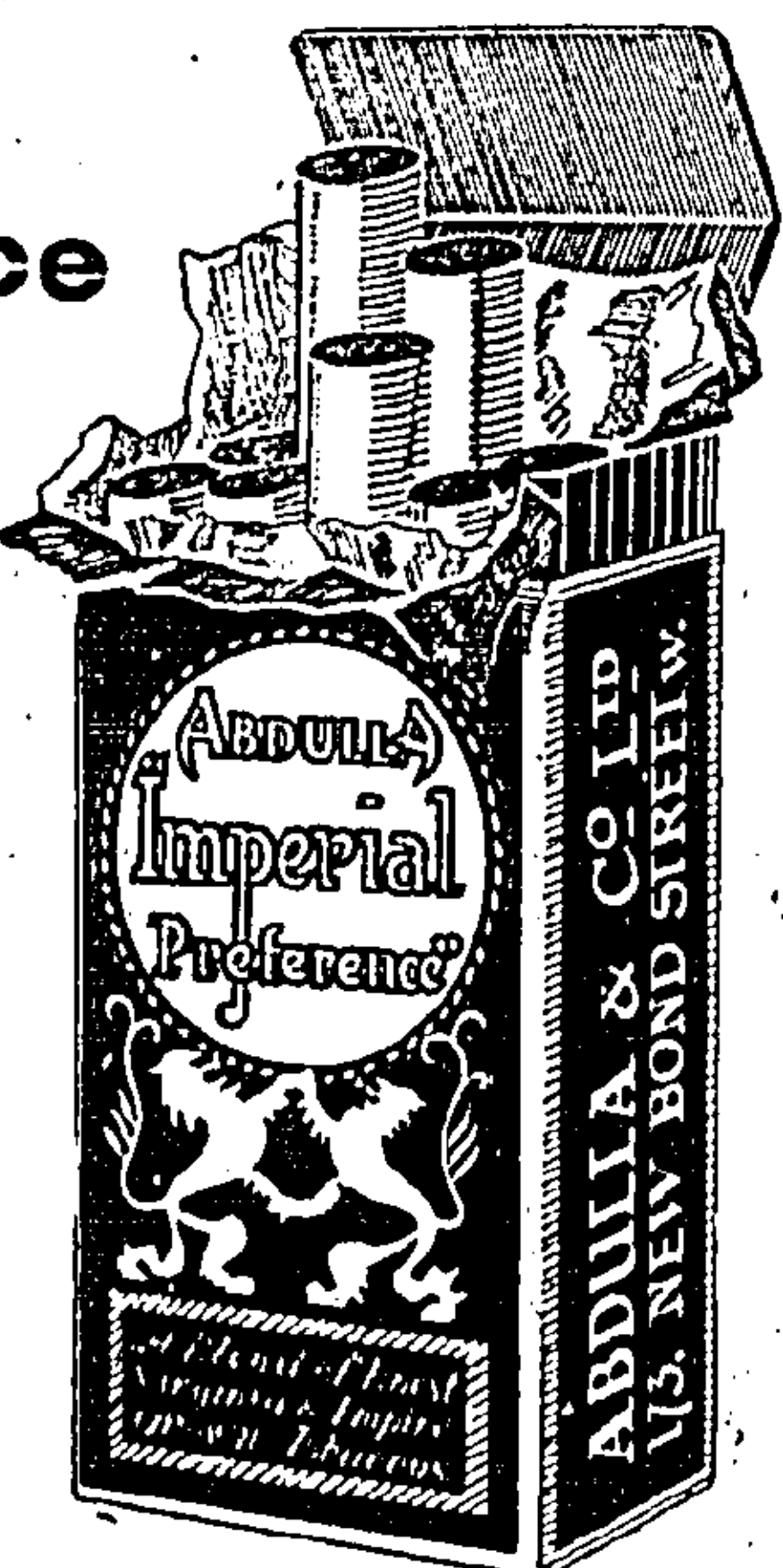
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Chinese Face Stiff Hurdle In Navy To-Day

Due to the unfortunate fact that the sailing of their boat was delayed, South China Athletic Association football tourists, many of whom would probably have been selected for the Combined Chinese team to meet Royal Navy this afternoon in the Lai Wah Cup match on the Club ground, will be conspicuous by their absence. Combined Chinese, however, will be very strong this afternoon for several of South China's players who did not make the trip to Saigon have been included in their line-up.

Tam Kwan-kon, a firm favourite for goalkeeper in the Colony Interport team to meet Manila, will be on view, while other notable players will be Lee Wai-tong, who will lead the Chinese attack and who is also a certainty for the Colony side against Manila, and Loung Wing-chiu, who will be seen at centre-half. Hau Ching-to, Eastern's left-winger and one of the most dangerous in the Colony, will also be on view. Navy will be fielding their strongest available team and can be relied on to extend the Chinese.

SCOTLAND WIN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Brilliant Performance By Backs

Hutchison And Grieve Very Much In Limelight: Bosanquet Injured

THRILLING Rugby was witnessed on the Club ground yesterday afternoon when Scotland deservedly won the local International Tournament by defeating England by two goals and three tries (19 points) to a goal, a penalty-dropped-goal and a try (11 points) after an interval lead of 8 points to 6.

Scotland's forwards, heeling quickly from the loose mauls, gave their backs unlimited opportunities, and they were not slow in taking advantage, Hutchison, until he was injured, Grieve and Boe showing up England's weakness in the centre by scoring several grand tries.

The match, which was in the nature of an Interport trial, provided the three selectors with plenty to consider, and some brilliant performances were given, outstanding of which were Hutchison's performance at stand-off-half and Grieve's display as left centre three-quarter. Henderson also gave a fine service from the base of the scrum and provided the turning point in the encounter when he scored after England had levelled the scores at 11-all.

England's Weakness Was In The Centre

The game was marred in the latter stages by injuries to two players, Hutchison leaving the field first, after tackling an English three-quarter and apparently pulling a muscle in his shoulder. He was assisted off the field. Soon afterwards Bosanquet was tackled and tore a muscle in the back which practically paralysed him, and he had to be carried off the field.

TWO ENGLISH CHANGES

England were unfortunate to have to make two changes before the start as both Lt. Walters, their very fast left-wing three-quarter, and Sgt. Lang, their stand-off-half, were unavailable and their places were taken by A. B. Bethell and M. W. Watts. The latter gave a grand display of hard running and scored a very fine try.

In the absence of Stevens, there was little to choose between the two backs, both Brown (Scotland) and Catlow being a trifle slow off the mark.

The Stewart-Grieve and Boe-Thomas combinations were in perfect working order, and with Hutchison paving the way for several glorious openings everything depended on the defence of the English centres, and in this they failed.

Askwith and Bidwell, reputed to be the two best centres in the Colony, were rarely in the picture, and the brilliant passing movements of the Scottish backs, who invariably drew their men first before parting with the ball, saw their opponents spreadgagled and helpless.

BOE'S WEAKNESS

Boe, although he was very dangerous with his clever change of direction and side-stepping, was a trifle selfish and could have parted with the ball more often, but Grieve looks a certainty for the Interport team, his deadly tackling, swerve on the run and distribution leaving little to be desired.

Askwith was in very good form, but received little support. His defence was excellent, and he safely grassed Boe and Thomas when they looked like scoring on the wing.

Bosanquet, up till the time he was injured, did not show up as well as was anticipated, but then he saw very little of the ball as Bidwell, who was playing at stand-off-half, was repeatedly tackled in possession by Hutchison, who on yesterday's display, might well make the Colony team. HENDERSON'S FINE SERVICE

There was little to choose between the respective scrum-halves, but Henderson was, if anything, the better of the two, and in the latter stages of the game gave grand service from the loose mauls. Talbot worked hard, but his service to Bidwell was not as effective as that of his opponent, but this was probably due to the fact that Scotland's pack heeled much quicker, both from set and loose scrums.

The packs provided a grand tussle but, although in the set scrums there was little to choose, the Scots were on top in the loose, where Taylor, Anderson, Cuthbertson and Crawford were outstand-

ing. Watson was also prominent in the loose.

England also had some outstanding forwards, most prominent among whom was Berry, a second row forward, who was always up with the ball. Salter hooked well, while Ogle and Appley were prominent in the loose mauls.

ENGLAND SCORE FIRST

England opened the scoring through a penalty dropped-goal, taken by Bidwell, but soon after Boe brilliantly cut through the centre, after evading Bidwell and Askwith, to score near the posts. Watson failed to convert. Hutchison then paved the way for a fine try by Thomas and Watson converted to give Scotland an 8-3 lead. Just before the interval Bosanquet went over for England and Catlow failed to convert.

In the second half Scotland immediately dominated the earlier exchanges and Hutchison burst through in a short run for an unconverted try.

At this stage England retaliated strongly and Bidwell paved the way for a grand try by Watts, Bidwell adding the goal points to level the scores at 11-11.

SCOTS ON TOP

It was at this stage that Scotland really asserted themselves and Henderson broke away from a loose maul to score near the posts, but Watson failed to convert.

It was soon after this that Hutchison and Bosanquet were injured and assisted off the field. Grieve took the stand-off-half position and Crawford came out of Scotland's pack as a centre.

Shortly before the end Grieve forced himself over the England line for a final try which Watson improved upon to give Scotland a well-deserved win by 19 points to 11.

Lt. Cdr. Linton had excellent control of the game and the teams were:

England:—Lt. Catlow (Medway); D. I. Bosanquet (Club); M. W. Watts (Club); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); A. B. Bethell (Eagle); H. D. Bidwell (Club); Lt. Talbot (Medway); Spr. Appley (R.E.); K. W. Salter (Club); Gnr. Evans (6th A.A.); Pte. Berry (Middlesex); J. E. Pears (Club); Lt. Ogle (Medway); Lt. D. Oyley (R.S.); J. Redman (Club); Scotland:—J. T. Brown (Club); D. H. Stewart (Club); W. E. Grieve (Club); L/C. Boe (R.S.); F. O. Thomas (Eagle); J. Hutchison (Club); J. R. Henderson (Club); Lt. Cuthbertson (R.S.) (Captain); J. S. Dunnett (Club); K. A. Watson (Club); L/C. Sutherland (R.S.); L/Cpl. Ross (R.S.); Lt. Anderson (Medway); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R.C.S.).

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WOODEN SPOON FOR IRELAND

In the preceding match, Ireland secured the "wooden spoon" of the International series when they lost to Wales by a goal (6 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) after leading at the interval.

It was a very scrappy game featured mainly by midfield play, although the Irish backs often came into the picture with some nice back movements which, however, fizzled out before they reached the Welsh 22.

Ireland had actually a much better back division than their opponents, but their three-quarters seldom ran straight.

Ellis and Van Leeuwen were the pick of the three-quarters, while Potter and Drow Wilkinson made an admirable pair of halves, the latter being very conspicuous until he was assisted off the field in the second half as a result of the recurrence of his shoulder injury sustained in a Triangular Tournament match.

Wales, lacking an effective back division, had to rely upon their forwards to keep their opponents at bay and they accomplished this very successfully. Walker, Hoddington, Stark and Staples tackling hard and being very conspicuous in the loose.

Ireland's forwards were by no means outclassed and Stout, Hain, Boustead and Page were prominent in the lineouts and in the loose.

Ireland jumped into the lead when Wales were penalised for a scrum infringement, Potter kicking a penalty goal.

After several attempts to break through had failed, the Welsh forwards carried the ball into Irish territory in the second half and Walker crossed over for a score which was improved upon by a try.

Despite the fact that both sides were awarded penalties in front of each other's posts, no further score was recorded.

Teams For Rugby Trial

The following have been invited to take part in the Interport Rugby trial at 4.30 p.m. on the Club ground next Wednesday, following which it is hoped to select the Colony side to meet Malaya on Saturday, February 11.

Possibles: Paym. Lt. J. E. Stevens (Kent); D. H. Stewart (Club); P. O. Askwith (Dainty); W. E. Grieve (Club); D. H. Taylor (Police R.U.F.C.); Lt. W. Elliot (Eagle) and Lt. E. B. Talbot (Medway); K. A. Watson (Club); R. W. Salter (Club); 2/Lt. N. H. Cuthbertson (R. Scots); A. F. Walker (Club); Lt. G. P. Darling (Medway); Lt. I. M. Anderson (Medway); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. R. E. Crawford.

Possibles: M. W. MacGrath (Club); Lt. M. J. P. Walters (Medway); H. D. Bidwell (Club); Lt. P. S. Skelton (Medway); D. I. Bosanquet (Club); J. Hutchison (Club) and J. R. Henderson (Club); L. Sea. Romans (Eagle); E. A. Staples (Eagle); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle); Lt. Griffiths (Navy); Lt. Boddington (Medway); L/Sgt. Page (5th A.A. Regt.); W. E. Pears (Club) and Pte. Berry (Middlesex).

Reserves: G. K. Chadwick (Club); F. O. Thomas (Eagle); L/Cpl. Boe (R. Scots); Lt. Lomax (R.A.); Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway); J. Redman (Club); Pte. Boustead (R.A.O.C.) and P. J. Cullinan (Police R.U.F.C.).

TO-DAY'S SOFTBALL

The following is the Softball League programme for to-day:—

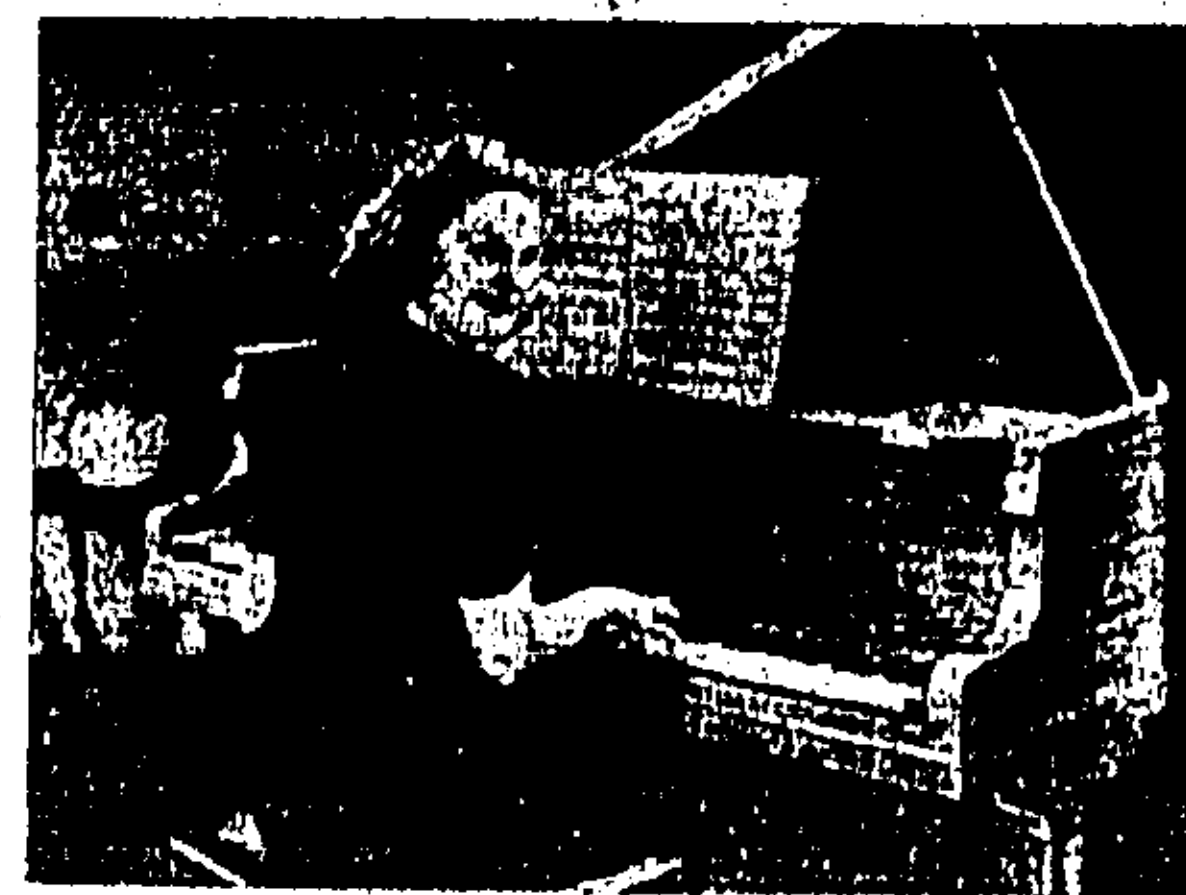
Men's
Hong Kong B.C. v. Recreo (Kings Park, 11.30 a.m.)
Filipino C. v. C.B.A. (Kings Park, 12 noon)
Women's
Cardinals v. Canadian Chinese (Filipino ground, 10 a.m.)
Wahooks v. Wildcats (Filipino ground, 11.30 a.m.)
C.B.A. v. Filipino Club (C.B.A. ground, 10 a.m.)
Recreo v. Pirates (Recreo, 10 a.m.)

(Club); L/C. Boe (R.S.); F. O. Thomas (Eagle); J. Hutchison (Club); J. R. Henderson (Club); Lt. Cuthbertson (R.S.) (Captain); J. S. Dunnett (Club); K. A. Watson (Club); L/C. Sutherland (R.S.); L/Cpl. Ross (R.S.); Lt. Anderson (Medway); A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R.C.S.).

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12.15 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.
Concerto In A Minor, Op. 16, by Arthur Schnitger (Piano) and The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.
Un-Réve, by Benjamin Glaz (Tenor) and The Berlin State Orchestra cond. by Bruno Seidler-Winkler.
A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2, In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3, Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur.
Norwegian Dance In D Major, Op. 35, by Gustave Ciolek and L'Orchestre Philharmonique De Paris.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Webster Booth (Tenor) and Light Symphony Orchestra.
May Day Overture (Haydn Wood) Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.
A Bird Song In The Rain (Haydn Wood) Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Valse from "Wood Nymphs" (Eric Coates) Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.
"Land Without Music"—Medley (O. Strauss) Webster Booth (Tenor) with The Lindorff Three.
Homage March (Haydn Wood); Concert Waltz — "Joyousness" (Haydn Wood) Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by The Composer.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida" Act 1. G. Arago-Lombardi; Maria Capuana; Arnold Lind; Trancardi Pasero; S. Baccaloni; G. Nesi and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with The Milan Symphony Orchestra.
2.30 p.m.—Close down.
7 p.m.—Orchestra.
Overture In D Minor (Handel, arr. Elgar) London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
7.05 p.m.—London Relay — Royal Palaces. 1: Hampton Court by L. Du Garde Peach. Produced by H. R. Pelletier.
7.35 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Ballet Egyptian (Laligini). You Shall Be The King Of My Heart (Stolz).
7.50 p.m.—Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).
Shannon River (Egan-Morgan); I Met An Angel (Slavie-Morgan); Jeanie With The Light Brown Hair (Foster) with Piano accomp. by Edwin Schneider.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Liszt—Concerto No. 2 In A Major, Egon Petri (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Leslie Howard.
8.25 p.m.—Three of Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsodies.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 1 In F Major, by Albert Coates.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10, Piano Solo by Ania Dorfmann.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12, Sir Hamilton Harty cond. the Halsey Orchestra.
8.50 p.m.—Songs by Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
Invitation to the Dance (Weber); The Little Ring (from "The Maiden's Wish"—Chopin) with the Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Franz Schonbaumsfeld.
9 p.m.—Light Orchestral Concert.
With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook) Concert Orchestra.
Souvenir D'Ukraine — Descriptive (Ferraris); Impression D'Orient — Descriptive (Amadei) ... Armando Di Piramo and His Orchestra.
Liebesleid (Kreiser); Liebestreu (Kreiser) ... Vienna Boheme Orchestra.
Fire Festival—Polka (J. Strauss, Op. 269); The Singer's Joy—Polka (J. Strauss, Op. 328) ... Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
9.40 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 2 in D Major, Op. 36. Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Symphony Orchestra.
10.12 p.m.—G. D. Cunningham at the Organ.
Toccata (from "Esquisses Byzantines"—Moult).
Larghetto (Wesley).
10.20 p.m.—Studio—Sunday Evening Encores.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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LORD NUFFIELD AT TEST MATCH

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Lord Nuffield watched the play yesterday and to-day.

ITALIANS KILLED

Rome, Yesterday.
A fresh list of 177 Italian legionaries killed on active service in Catalonia, was published in Rome to-day.—Trans-Ocean.

MEASLES

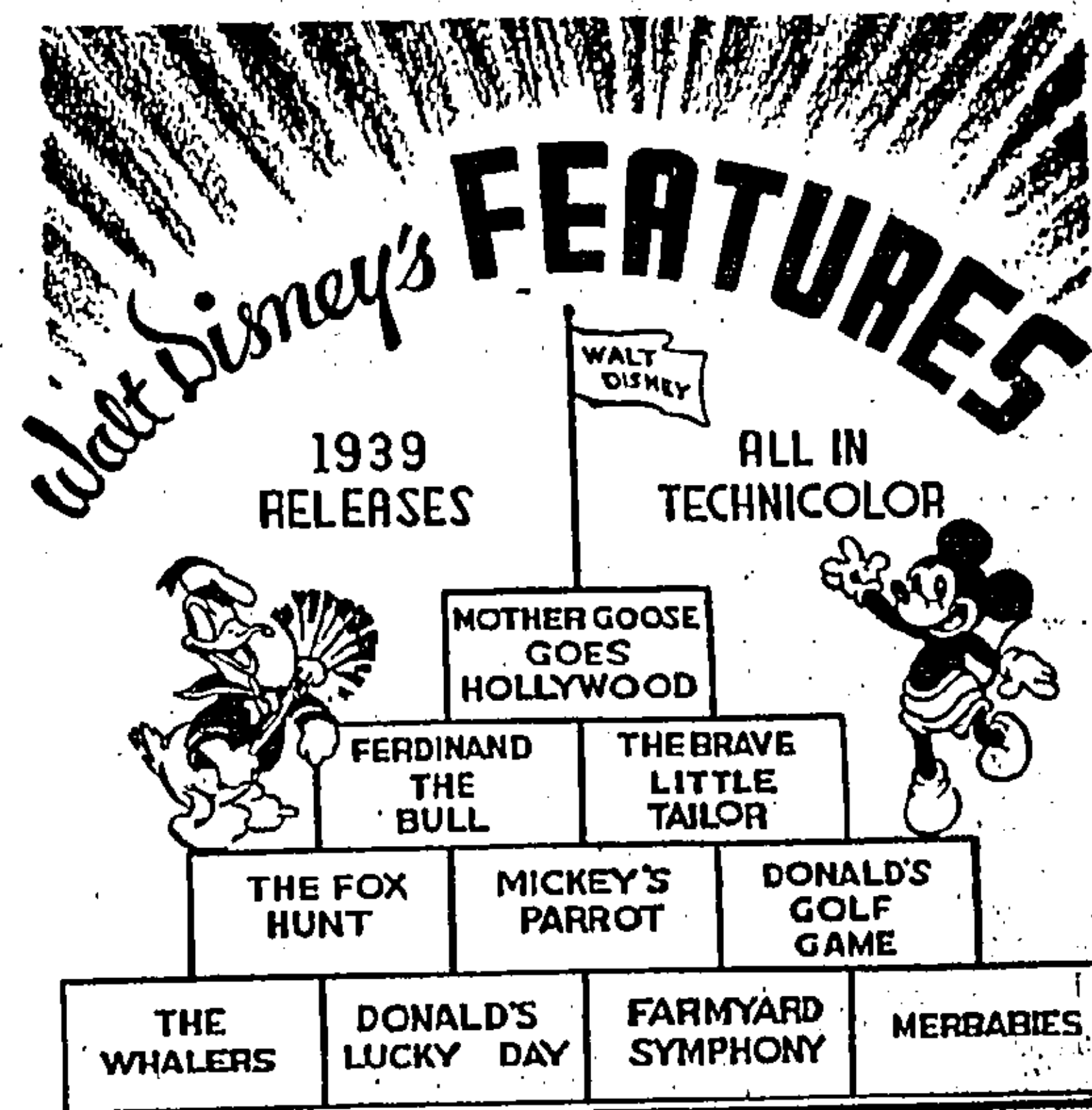
The measles epidemic continues. Six further cases were notified up to Friday midnight. One cholera case, three diphtheria, two typhoid and three dysentery cases were also reported.

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RACE NO. 4
NATIONAL DIGNITY
MARCH BROWN
SPYME
RACE NO. 5
ROYAL HIGHNESS
RACING BOY
CORONATION DAY
RACE NO. 6
BRUTUS
SPARK PLUG
GLORIOUS STAR

R.A.F. SCORE SEVEN TIMES

R.A.F. 7 E. ENGINEERS 0
At Prince Edward Road, R.A.F. scored a decisive victory over European Engineers by seven goals to nil. The Engineers commenced with only ten men against a strong wind, but displayed a briskeness which augured well for an evenly-contested game. DRISCOLL, with a hurt ground shot, opened the scoring for the army, however, and a free kick awarded to R.A.F. allowed FEAVER to find the net, and CAMP added another goal with a neat header. Engineers were unlucky to have the whistle for half time blown just a moment before Heath found the net from an acute angle. On the resumption, Engineers held their opponents for a period but fell away after DRISCOLL had run through to bring the Air Force tally to four. Within a few minutes the same player scored again and before the close CAMP and DAWSON added further goals.

KWONG WAH TAKE POINTS FROM SAINTS IN POOR MATCH

A VERY tame and uninteresting match was witnessed at Caroline Hill yesterday when St. Joseph's lost to Kwong Wah by 3 goals to 1. It may have been the wind which caused some of the passes to go astray, but the wind had nothing to do with the poor attempt at football by both teams. Kwong Wah were definitely superior, if only for the fact, that they tried to keep the ball moving, and used it with discretion. Theirs was not a brilliant showing, however.

SAINTS MISS STARS

It is obvious that the Saints are only half a team without the services of Beltrao and Gosano. Gomes worked hard in the forward line, without being too spectacular, but the goal he scored was a gem.

The Saints were immediately on the attack, but strong defensive work by Chung Fai-lam, and Hou Yung-sang kept them at a distance, and it was left to Kwong Wah to open the scoring through CHOW MAN-CHI.

Stung by this reverse, the Saints swarmed round the Kwong Wah goal, but Leonard's attempts to force his way through were frustrated. A second goal for the Chinese seemed likely when Chin Chi-fun had Marquis at his mercy, but he dallied and the ball was cleared. Lee Kwok-lee then made a magnificent save from Ward, conceding a fruitless corner. The Saints were trying desperately for an equaliser, and some of their attempts should have been rewarded, but lack of steadiness at the vital moment proved their downfall.

During the second period the game swung round in favour of the Chinese, and it was not long before CHEUK SHEK-KAM increased their lead. Following a free kick on the left, however, GOMES flashed in a terrific drive to open the Saints' account.

Kwong Wah were not to be denied, however, and in a strong finish CHEUK SHEK-KAM scored again. St. Joseph's were best served by Gomes at forward, while Woo and Huesan were hard workers in the defence.

For Kwong Wah, Chouk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung were lively attackers, while Hou Yung-sang was outstanding in defence.

ELECTRIC 1 STANLEY 5
At the Valley, Stanley's win of 5-1 over Electric was not so one-sided as the score suggests.

The opening play was sensational as within two minutes Electric were one up, SABIAN making no mistake when he connected with a centre from the right. This reverse upset the Gunners for some time and they had to thank Perdue in goal for the fact that the score was not increased. Gradually Stanley settled down and played fast open football. In one storming attack on the ball and WOOLDRIDGE gave Quinn no chance with the spot kick. Electric fought back, but the Gunners' defence had now found their feet and gave nothing away. For the first quarter of an hour in the second half there was only one team in it and as a result goals came at regular intervals for the Gunners, whose tally was increased by WELDRIDGE (2), BURGESS and WOOLDRIDGE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND SCORERS

LAI WAH CUP	
Civilians	3 Army
Fowler 2, Reiertson	Pearson
FIRST DIVISION	
St. Joseph's	1 Kwong Wah
Gomes	Cheuk Shek-kam 2, Chow Man-chi
SECOND DIVISION	
Middlesex	6 Club
Jennings 2, C. Thomas 2, McEarchan, Taylor, St. Joseph's	1 R.A.O.C.
Tavares	Emberson, Duffield, Cruz
Royal Scots	3 Kowloon
Williamson 2, Pluckrose	
THIRD DIVISION "A"	
Engineers (C)	3 5th A.A. Regt.
Chang Ying 2, Cheung Sin	Kirby, Robson
Electric	1 Stanley
Sabian	Woolridge 2, Wedrake 2, Burgess
THIRD DIVISION "B"	
30th Hy. Bty. 4	R.A.S.C. 0
Yearling, Tuckley, Hole 2	
Kit Chee	3 P.W.D.
The For-lin, Chan Ka-ai, Chan Cheong (own goal)	Ho Kiu-hang, Chan Cheong, Yok Lin-wah (own goal)
THIRD DIVISION "C"	
Signals	2 A.S.A.
Bundy, Brackenbury	
R.A.F. 3	Engineers (E) 0
Peavor, Dawson, Stonecutters W/T 2	Kumaon Rifles 1
Garfield, Tufnell	Partab Singh

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION	
Team	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Navy	10 3 1 45 19 23
S. China "A"	12 10 0 2 43 10 20
Eastner	12 7 1 4 32 25 15
Middlesex	14 7 1 6 29 27 15
S. China "B"	12 5 1 6 21 23 11
Royal Scots	12 2 2 6 17 20 10
Kowloon	14 5 0 9 29 44 10
Club	13 4 1 8 27 39 9
Kwong Wah	12 2 4 6 21 32 8
St. Joseph's	11 2 2 7 24 34 6
Totals	138 58 22 58 311 311 138

SECOND DIVISION	
Team	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
South China	15 12 2 1 39 18 26
Middlesex	15 12 1 2 69 24 25
5th A.A. Regt.	14 10 3 1 43 17 23
Royal Scots	14 10 1 3 40 14 21
R.A.O.C.	14 6 2 6 45 38 14
St. Joseph's	13 6 0 7 33 19 12
Engineers (C)	13 6 0 7 33 19 12
Kwong Wah	14 6 0 8 34 47 12
Kowloon	14 5 0 9 29 44 10
Police	15 5 0 9 24 38 10
Police	15 5 0 9 24 38 10
Eastern	14 0 4 10 16 69 4
Club	15 1 1 12 11 54 3
Totals	170 77 16 77 415 415 170

THIRD DIVISION "A" SECTION	
Team	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Royal Scots	15 12 2 1 43 18 26
South China	15 8 3 4 31 25 19
30th Hy. Bty.	14 8 1 5 38 24 17
24th Hy. Bty.	15 10 2 3 48 22 22
Signals	17 8 3 6 48 30 19
R.A.M.C.	14 6 4 4 29 37 16
Kumaon Rifles	16 5 3 8 24 43 13
Engineers (D)	16 5 2 9 25 53 12
University	13 5 1 7 25 22 11
Powhattan	16 2 1 13 21 82 5
A.S.A.	17 1 0 16 10 66 2
Totals	158 70 18 70 368 368 158

THIRD DIVISION "B" SECTION	
Team	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
R.A.F.	17 15 1 1 62 12 31
Scuttlers W/T	17 13 1 3 66 15 27
24th Hy. Bty.	15 10 2 3 48 22 22
Signals	17 8 3 6 48 30 19
R.A.M.C.	14 6 4 4 29 37 16
Kumaon Rifles	16 5 3 8 24 43 13
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ORDNANCE DESERVED POINTS

ST. JOSEPH'S 1 R.A.O.C. 2
Owing to the non-appearance of several St. Joseph's players, their Second Division game against Ordnance Corps was 15 minutes late in starting.

Their team however, was made up from the spectators and eventually play commenced. One of the players to be asked to play was Costa, an old favourite of St. Joseph's who has been out of the game for some time owing to an injury. Although he was obviously playing under a handicap, he nevertheless, played a good game.

The game was fairly even during the first quarter of an hour, though several dangerous raids by the Saints looked like producing an early lead. In one of these they were unlucky when Leonard drove in a hard shot which Brice, making his last appearance locally, deflected.

The Ordnance opened their account following a long pass from Duffield to Munton, who calmly tricked Bowen and gave the ball to EMBERSON, who hit it first-time.

Munton was again unlucky with a splendid effort, Sprinkle kicking his parting shot from off the goal line.

Upon the resumption the Saints pressed hard and were soon rewarded with an equaliser, TAVARRO

HOLE SCORES TWICE AGAINST SERVICE CORPS

30TH BTRY. 4 R.A.S.C. 0
30th Battery easily accounted for the lowly R.A.S.C. by four goals to nil at the Valley.

YEHLING opened the scoring when he beat Scougal with a powerful drive from five yards out.

Brown played a very good game for R.A.S.C. and was unlucky not to score, while in the defence both backs played a sound game.

On the resumption R.A. attacked strongly and during a goalmouth scramble TUCKLEY managed to slip the ball into the net. Further goals were added by HOLE (2) in the next few minutes, and Scougal saved at least three more.

5TH A.A. BTRY. 2 C. ENGINEERS 3

On the Military ground, Chinese Engineers took both points from 5th A.A. Bty. in a fast and exciting game. Play was very even throughout and the result was only certain when the final whistle blew.

Chan Ying was chiefly the best forward on the field and fully deserved his two goals. The Gunners were best served by their defence, Clayton especially clearing well. Chan Ying made his one mistake early in the first half when, after taking the ball through the entire opposing defence, he lifted the ball well over the top.

5th Bty. opened the scoring through KIRBY, who converted a pass from Andrus. Immediately afterwards the Engineers' forwards cleverly took the ball into the R.A.'s goalmouth and there began to bombard McCadden, who brought off three magnificent saves. His efforts were unrewarded however, as the fourth shot, from CHIEUNG SIN, was too hot for him to hold.

Chinese Engineers' goal was then under constant pressure, and ROBSON managed to find the net and place the Gunners ahead.

Sang Chung-puk spoiled many good movements by being too eager and was several times off-side. CHAN YING then cleverly deceived Clayton and Birkinshaw and sent the ball goalwards, and McCadden, whilst trying to run out, slipped and was unable to prevent the ball from entering the net.

The second half was an exact replica of the first, with the ball constantly moving from one end of the field to the other, neither team being able to make any impression on the opposing defence. CHAN YING completed the scoring when he intercepted a pass and kicked the ball into the corner of the net.

At Chatham Road, Stonecutters W/T and the Kumaons met in a very evenly matched game, from which Stonecutters emerged victorious by 2 goals to 1, after leading by two goals to nil at the interval.

Stonecutters had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and GARFIELD opened their scoring with a shot from close range. The Kumaons were kept on the defensive, and shortly before the end of the first half TUFNELL placed Stonecutters further ahead when he took a long shot with Gopal Singh unassisted.

In the second half the Kumaons took control of the game and with the wind in their favour, decreased their arrears through PARTAB. Tufnell and Chapman played well in the Stonecutters' half-back line, and continually fed their forwards, of whom Garfield was outstanding. Gopal Singh, whose methods appeared

unorthodox but nevertheless effective, played a very safe game in the Kumaons' goal, while their best forwards were Partab and Krishna Singh.

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The Club were best served in defence. Fleming played a grand game in goal and had no chance with the shots that beat him. Keown and McFarlane were steady defenders, while the latter also found time to keep his forwards well supplied with the ball. Wilson was the pick of the forwards. Dempster looked dangerous in the first half, but during the second period he hardly ever saw the ball.

Haigh and Thompson were a safe pair of full-backs for Middlesex, while the half-back trio dominated play and kept a firm grip on the opposing forwards. In a fast-moving forward line Jennings and Riehes were outstanding.

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WINSTANLEY MAKES PROMISING DEBUT PARKER MISSES PENALTY

ARMY, holders of the Lai Wah Cup, were defeated in the first match of this year's series at Kowloon yesterday, the Civilian running out easy winners by 3 goals to 1.

The Civilian side played as advertised, but the Army made one change, Pearson coming into the team in place of Munton, who was unable to play.

Although the Army included several new players in their side who were calculated to strengthen the team considerably their display was lamentably weak as a whole, and the Civilians were worthy winners.

VERY LITTLE WHISTLE

Chief fault was to be found in the Army forward line where, although most of them were veterans in Army football in the Colony, poor displays were given and a distinct lack of punch was evident. The one exception was Courtney, and the Middlesex player played a great-hearted game throughout, even when he was moved to right back to allow Watson to go into the forward line.

The Civilian, on the other hand, while never displaying anything like brilliant form, were well balanced and showed up the Army's fault of waiting for the ball to come to the man instead of fetching it. The defenders showed intelligent anticipation, and it was rarely that the Army forwards were given much scope.

Winstanley, a newcomer to the Army side, was a tower of strength in the Army defence, and kept Reiertsen well in check. The winger was on the top of his form and Winstanley's task was not an enviable one.

KOWLOON SCORE FIRST BUT LOSE

ROYAL SCOTS 3 KOWLOON 1
The Second Division encounter between Royal Scots and Kowloon, at Sookunpoo, resulted in a win for the former by the margin of 3 goals to 1.

Kowloon obtained an early lead through CRUZ, but a few minutes later WILLIAMSON equalised. Play Scots exerted pressure and from a corner kick PLUCKROSE gave them the lead with a header. Just prior to half time Santos F. missed two 'sitters', and almost made amends with a header which struck the bar.

The second half was slightly in favour of Kowloon, but their forwards were woefully weak in front of goal and, despite many favourable opportunities, failed to find the net. WILLIAMSON increased the Scots' lead midway through the second period.

Kowloon were well served in defence, Gomes and Hardwick being outstanding. Fernandes played a hardworking game at centre-half, and in a fast and tricky forward line C. Santos and Cruz caught the eye.

Fowler and Marshall were a safe pair of backs for the Scots, while Pluckrose dominated the centre of the field. Williamson was a capable leader, and well supported by his inside men. Gilroy was the finest winger on view.

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TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

The following is to-day's soccer programme—
LAI WAH CUP
Chinese v Navy
(Club, 4 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION "B"
Powhattan v 24th R.A.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
University v Medicals
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION "A"
Royal Scots v South China
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
WEDNESDAY NEXT
Third Division "A"
30th R.A. v Royal Scots
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Engineers v Service Corps
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division "B"
Signals v University
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

SHEEHAN EXCELS

For once, Sheehan outshone Watson in the back division, and played a grand game. Watson apparently felt the effect of an old ankle injury, which was not helped by a hard tackle in the second half, resulting in him leaving the field for attention.

Fowler the Civilian centre-forward was a hard worker in the centre and his bustling tactics were not appreciated by Hartley, the Army goalkeeper, who was twice robbed by the centre forward when clearing.

Bliss was not seriously troubled in holding Pearson as the centre forward had a poor day and rarely looked dangerous. Grogan was in a subdued mood and Honnibal kept a tight hold on him. Calvert also had a hard day at outside-left, and would do well to centre the ball more often rather than indulge in so much individual play. Saw did many useful things, but in company with the other forwards his finishing was very poor. Jorge and Howlett the Civilians' half-backs, while both played a useful game, although the inside-left missed an open goal in the opening stages of the game.

CIVILIANS TAKE LEAD

The Civilians took the lead when Bliss obtained possession in midfield and sent a good pass out to the unmarked REIERTSEN, who sent in a high dropping shot which Hartley, being out of his goal, could not reach, and the ball went into the net. The Civilians deserved their lead at this period as they played more constructive football than their opponents who were playing a ragged game.

Fowler almost placed the Civilians two up when he went through on his own once more, but his shot passed just outside the upright. However, after 25 minutes' play FOWLER notched the second goal, shooting on the turn from a pass from Pile to give Hartley no chance to save.

In the second period the Civilians were awarded a penalty for an apparent hand ball by Courtney in the penalty area, but Parker, taking the kick, placed it well wide of the goal. Howlett then netted, but he had run into an offside position and the referee disallowed the goal.

The Army reduced the arrears after Pearson had missed an easy header, and the ball went to Saw, who returned it to PEARSON who made no mistake with a first-time shot.

In the last minute of the game FOWLER placed the issue beyond all doubt by accepting a fine pass from Howlett and sending in a fine shot which left Hartley well beaten.

Civilians—Colos; Parker, Ulrich; Norz; Bliss; Honnibal; T. Pile; Jorge; F. Fowler; Howlett and Reiertson.

Army—Hartley; Watson, Sheehan; Winstanley, Procter, Wilkinson; Grogan, Courtney, Pearson, Saw and Calvert.

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IN the oak-panelled lounge of Oaklands, adjacent to the open fireplace with its electrically lit logs, was a bell push. There was nothing exceptional about it. It was connected up by the usual wires, batteries and whatnots to the indicator board in Fotheringham's pantry. One had only to push, and Science informed Fotheringham by way of the indicator that his master de-

sired his presence in the lounge.

To lay a finger on the bell and press seemed simple enough. Yet, do you know, we had been three months at Oaklands, Beatie and I, and neither of us had yet pressed it!

It would be absurd to suggest that we were afraid of laying a finger on the bell. What! Afraid to summon our own servant, the bloke we paid to sit in the pantry awaiting our will? No sir! Not likely. We would summon him when we wanted him. Yes sir!

"George, just ring for Fotheringham, will you?" said Beatie, who happened to be seated on the further side of the fireplace from the bell. She always happened to be seated on this side—that is, unless I happened to be seated there first.

"Right, old girl! What do you want? Can't I get it for you? Good gracious, it's a pleasure to run up stairs and fetch my wife's knitting. I enjoy doing little things for you," and I trotted out of the room, sobering my pace to a dignified stroll as I passed Fotheringham killing time in the hall.

Just after 6 p.m., when telepathy told me that in thousands of public houses doors were opening and honest men were passing through them en route for their first of the day, it occurred to me that here alone within the oak privacy of our house the doors were still closed.

"Er—just ring the bell for Fotheringham, old girl," I remarked, keeping well out of range myself.

Beatie stretched out a finger. Then, from Beatie, mind you, from Beatie, who in seventeen years of married life had never yet understood the significance of six o'clock in a man's life, "I know what you'd like. Wait!"

And the old girl herself came staggering in with the tray complete down to the last detail. A better wife than Beatie no man ever had; she was and is a trump. Nevertheless... Well, I don't know... The fact is, we finked it. We'd bought a house and a butler and a bell push, and we were scared to death of using them.

All right. Now we've been honest. We didn't dare ring. The vision of Fotheringham's inquiring mask was too much for me. "Did you ring, sir?" "No, no," I should have replied. "Not me. The bell must have done it."

So we got up furtively and furtively went for what we wanted, pretending as best we could not to see each other going. Yet it was not right, and we knew it was not right. In our old villa on the Sutton By-pass we'd have gone honestly, and noisily for things. We had to go for them. And I wouldn't have pretended I enjoyed fetching Beatie's knitting, either. I didn't and don't.

I can't recall whose suggestion it was that Fotheringham should follow the example of the cook and the house-maid and take Whit Monday off. It was a good notion. It would be a change for the staff, and it would be a change for us...

No, what I mean is, it would give the domestics a new outlook; they would come back refreshed in mind and body. Strange to say, we had some difficulty in persuading Fotheringham to see this point of view. He did not seem as keen on his out- ing as we did. But at length he agreed to go. We told him we were going out all day ourselves, and to convince him we actually set off, myself at the wheel, on a sunny Bank Holiday afternoon.

We drove round the country for half an hour until we judged the coast to be clear; then we doubled back and entered the house. What a change! What a relief to stop inside a Fotheringham-less mansion! The place seemed more homely, the air freer. And for the first

time it seemed our own.

To assert my ownership I slid the length of the hall on the tiger skin, which Fotheringham always arranged in a bee line with the door, finishing up on the floor with my arms around the defunct old tiger.

The next move was to have a look at our house. Believe it or not, I'd forgotten where half of it was! The hours and days and weeks Beatie and I had spent watching that house go up brick by brick, wall by wall: the time we'd wasted trying to persuade the builders not to put the scullery sink overlooking the front doorsteps, and the pride we'd taken in the kitchen and pantry!

We had taken more trouble over them than the rest of the house. And now we had forgotten what they looked like. The day Fotheringham came we had retreated to our side of the green baize door, and there we had stayed, master and mistress, exiles.

We stood in Fotheringham's pantry, admiring it. He certainly kept it very pretty. There were flowers on the table, and in a rack on the mantel-piece Fotheringham's six briar pipes. He had plenty of time to smoke them. Beatie was for looking inside the cupboard; but I restrained her. "Hang it all, it's none of our business what he keeps in there. The man lives here."

But before we retired we could not help marvelling at the indicator board on the wall. It was the first time we had seen it. Now, I knew what would happen should either of us ever have the courage to press the bell. Something, I was not quite sure what, would appear in the circular white spaces marked in gilt letters underneath. Bedroom 1; Bedroom 2; Dining Room; Front Door, etc.; and Lounge. We mustn't forget Lounge, down in the right-hand bottom corner.

I think Beatie and I got the same idea at the same moment. The Bank Holiday spirit, maybe. We were seated in the lounge, enjoying the solitude and each other's company, when we exclaimed with one accord: "Ring for Fotheringham!"

We laughed like two children. "All right, old girl!" "No," declared Beatie. "I'll ring!"

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"We barged each other about in front of the bell push till I thought Beatie was going to get the hysteresis."

er alone in the house. Some one or some one's ghost, had got among the bell wires. It was the uncanniest thing I ever heard. The bells ceased ringing. But-toning up my coat, as I did when I went downstairs at night to satisfy Beatie on the burglar question, I left the room. At the baize door I hesitated. One never knew. Ghosts were beastly things. I drew a long breath and peeped into the pantry. I let my breath go again. It was no ghost. That was something.

But what was the man doing? Fotheringham, with a grin of smug content, was standing in front of the indicator board, watching the scarlet discs swing to and fro in the circular spaces. He was in his full black outfit. I noted. But what struck me most was the evident pride and satisfaction the man took in the performance. You might have thought he'd never seen the bells work before.

A shadow seemed to cross his face. One space alone, the one time, in the bottom right-hand corner, remained unfilled. Oh! All right.

Fotheringham entered as per rehearsal. Perhaps it was the combination of horror and surprise on his mask-like countenance. Or maybe something failed me at the last moment.

"You rang Fotheringham?" I stammered.

"Yes, sir."

"What do you want?" I heard myself saying.

Fotheringham looked at me. He opened his mouth to speak. Nothing came. He opened it a second time.

"It didn't want nothing, but to (Continued on Page 25)"

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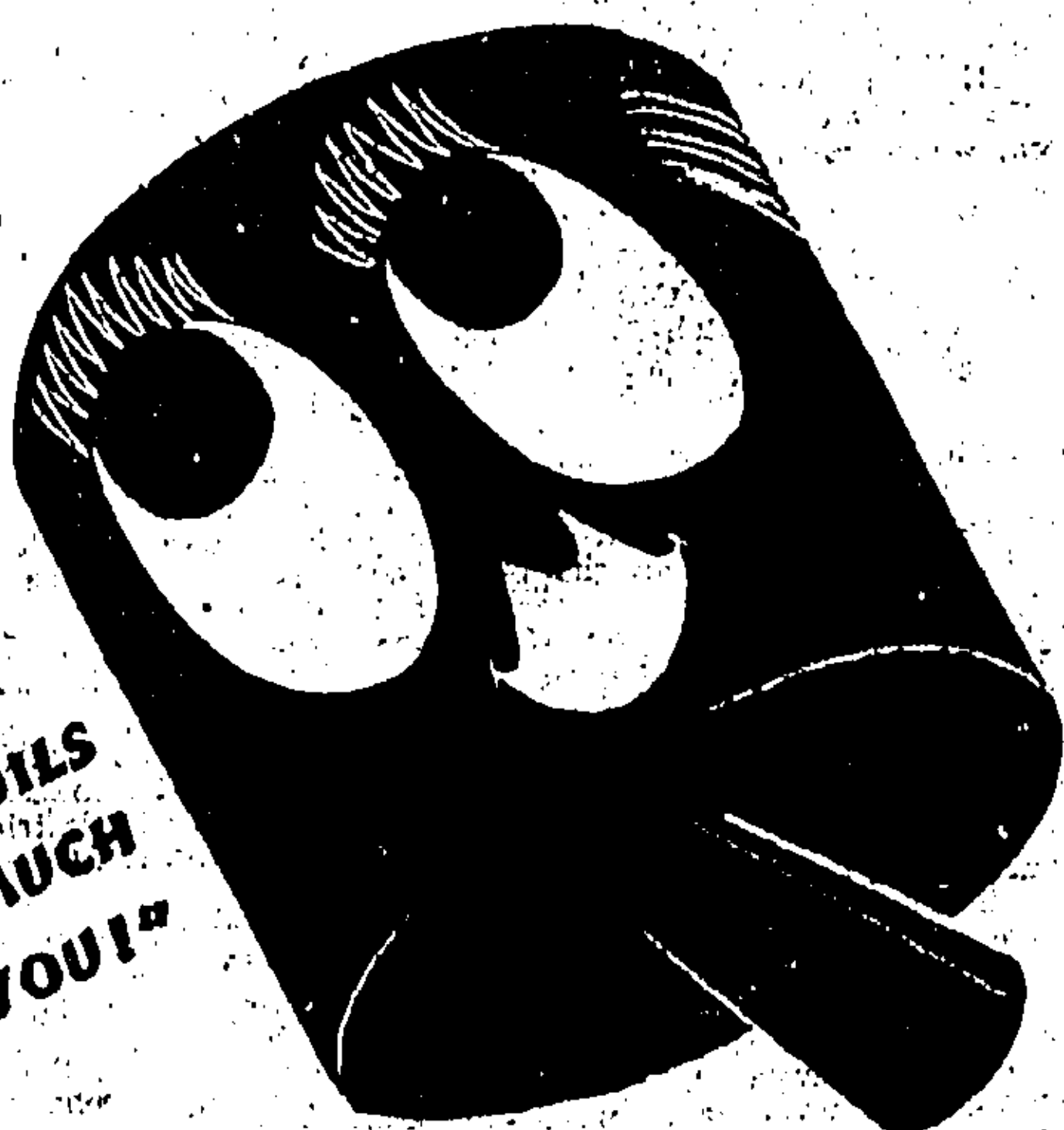
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The Question Of DICTATORS

THE foreign books to be translated into German are very carefully selected by the National Socialists. In so far as these are not merely innocuous literature—in particular detective stories—such works must above all tend to awaken in the German people the impression that all foremost authors of other countries aspire more or less consciously to the salvation of their own countries through the importation of the totalitarian ideal. Quite recently, a German publishing firm sought to bear witness to this tendency by bringing out a German translation of a book written by Marshall Foch's former aide-de-camp, Lieutenant-Colonel Buguet, under the title "Rue St. Dominique et Grand Quartiers General ou les Trois Dictatures de la Guerre." In the reviews published by the German press, special attention is drawn to the fact that Clemenceau's dictatorship saved France at the decisive moment and turned the balance in favour of the Allies. This, it is considered, is a proof that democracy must be superseded by dictatorship if a nation is to carry off a military victory.

But whilst stating that Buguet's book is permeated by this idea, the German press accuses the author of insufficient logic. It wishes to prevent the idea that a dictator-

By
**Georg
Bernhard**

would know that the existence of a dictator is by no means a guarantee of victory. In the records of universal history we find that countless dictators—not merely statesmen but generals—have been defeated in decisive battles and thereby lost the campaign. On the other hand, there are numerous instances of the victory of democratic peoples over world-famed generals. The typical example of a great dictator, namely Napoleon, shows to what small degree victory is the privilege of any given system of Government. The most famous victories of Napoleon, e.g. in the Italian campaign, were won at a time when he was but Bonaparte, general of the Revolution. As Emperor and as uncontested dictator not only in his country but in continental Europe, he was completely defeated at Leipzig and Waterloo.

Thus, it is by no means proved that a dictator is necessary, even in wartime, to guarantee victory. The long and war-racked history of England proves the contrary. Were King William and Bismarck dictators at the time of their victory over the Hapsburgs at Sedan? Can it seriously be stated that the North German Alliance, victorious with Bavaria and Wurtemberg in the Franco-German war of 1870-1871, was presided over by dictators? And was the Italian campaign against Austria the work of a dictator? Is it possible to allege that the American War of Independence was led by a dictator? It may be unfortunate to adduce these examples, but there is at present a danger that nationalist socialist propaganda, in crossing the frontiers, may awake elsewhere the idea that the democratic system cannot possibly provide for victorious resistance to military aggression.

The only point that can be conceded is that, even in democracies, certain leading personalities come to the fore in wartime; indeed, it may be said that this vesting of full powers in one or two persons is the rule. This is justified by the fact that, according to democratic conceptions, war is a bitter and undesirable state of exception for which exceptional powers may well be provided. This is in the nature of things. The military leader may be called upon to take decisions and to take them at once, regardless of the constitutional considerations prevailing in peace. But under the democratic regime, the same leaders may later be held responsible for such decisions, in particular for those which have

led to defeat; whereas the dictators can give full rein to their incapacity and foolhardiness at the expense of their peoples.

The same is also true in the case of statesmen, invested with extraordinary powers in times of war. This is by no means contrary to the democratic ideal. On the other hand, it forms part of good democratic Governments—as proved in contemporary English history. In critical moments, the leading statesmen are invested with special powers as long as desirable. This does not signify that the democracies have any intention, even temporary, of introducing a dictatorship; it is merely a demonstration of democratic discipline.

But what is important is this: In hardly any democratic country, especially in wartime or other decisive moments, has it been difficult to find suitable holders for such offices. For this, no life-long dictatorship is necessary. Who can guarantee that a man who has ruled his country for a decade and may have done much for his people during this time, will not be unable to cope with emergencies? For Germany, the fate of William II is an example. Then again—above all in Germany—it has often happened that a number of generals, expert in military matters and predestined to dictatorship in

war, have failed ingloriously to accomplish their task.

And here we come to the problem that is of paramount importance for dictatorships, but never for democracies—that of selection. The majority of dictators owe their position to their own intrigues or the weakness of their adversaries. There is no prior guarantee for their capacity to rule. But even if a dictator proves this capacity, there is no guarantee for that of his successor. By whom will he be elected? How select the suitable person? The uncontested advantage of a democratic system lies in the fact that it has enormous resources on which to draw in order to fill its political offices. Where all are free to exercise their activity and to prove their suitability for the highest offices, it will always be easy to find a leader in time of stress. It is, of course, possible that such a man may ultimately become a dictator, but in this case, the fact that he has arisen from the ranks of a democracy is to some extent a guarantee. And in such exceptional cases, a democracy can have no cause for anxiety; the dictatorship will end with the fall or the death of the dictator, and the democracy will come into its own again—possibly after a period of transition. For democracy has undergone the acid test of history; this system alone is endowed with permanency.

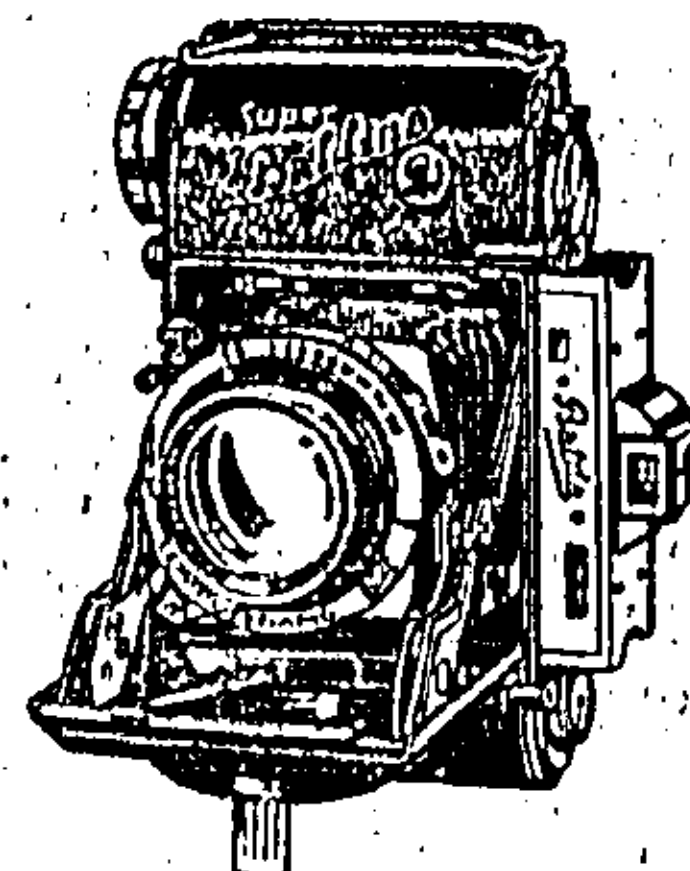
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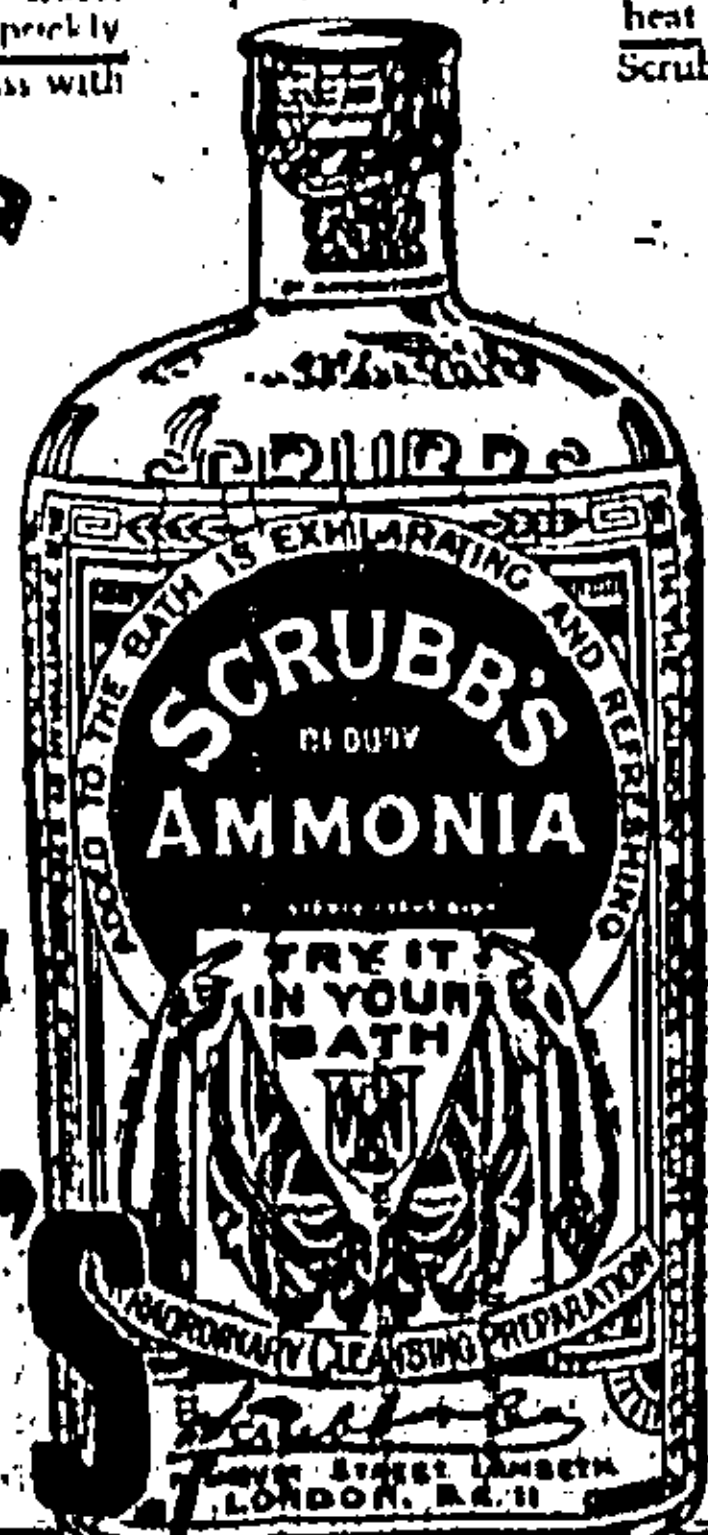
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RING FOR
FOTHERINGHAM

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hear the bells ring, sir. Sack me and get it over. But before I go. Oh, the nights I've sat in that beautiful pantry with my eyes fixed on that fine new bell-board praying like a little child for the bell to tinkle and the red disc to start swinging! Now I've seen it."

The man's eyes positively shone as he lingered for a moment in the doorway.

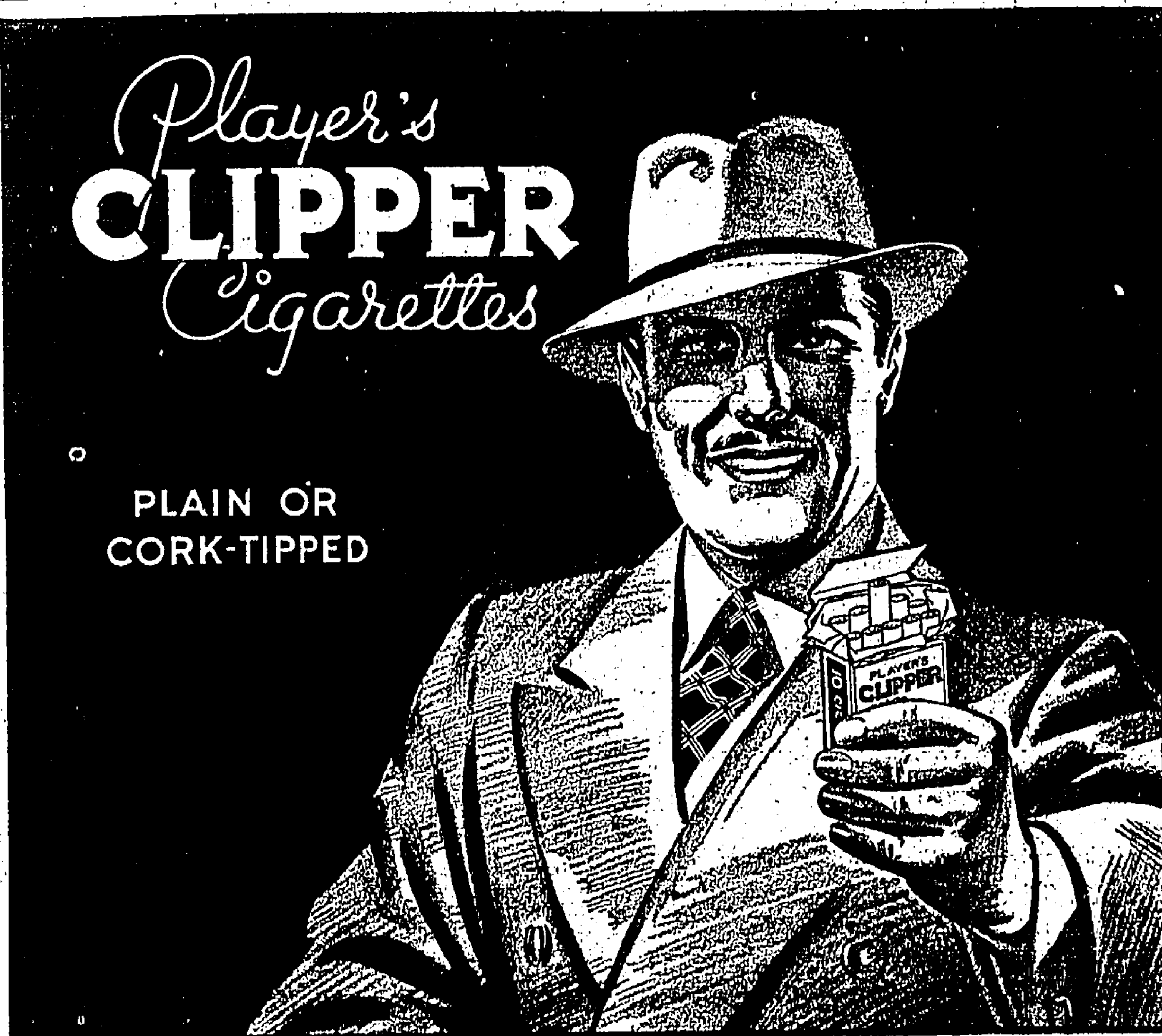
"Go," I said.
"Yes, sir."
I waited till he had got a little way, then touched the bell. He reappeared.
"You rang, sir?"
"Yes: Er—ah—drinks, Fotheringham."

He gazed at me in a puzzled way. Then a grin slowly broke across the mask. He drew himself together.

"Yes, sir. At once, sir," and Beattie and I heard him going through the hall and down the passage repeating to himself, "Yes, sir. Thank you, sir. Drinks, sir. Whoops!"

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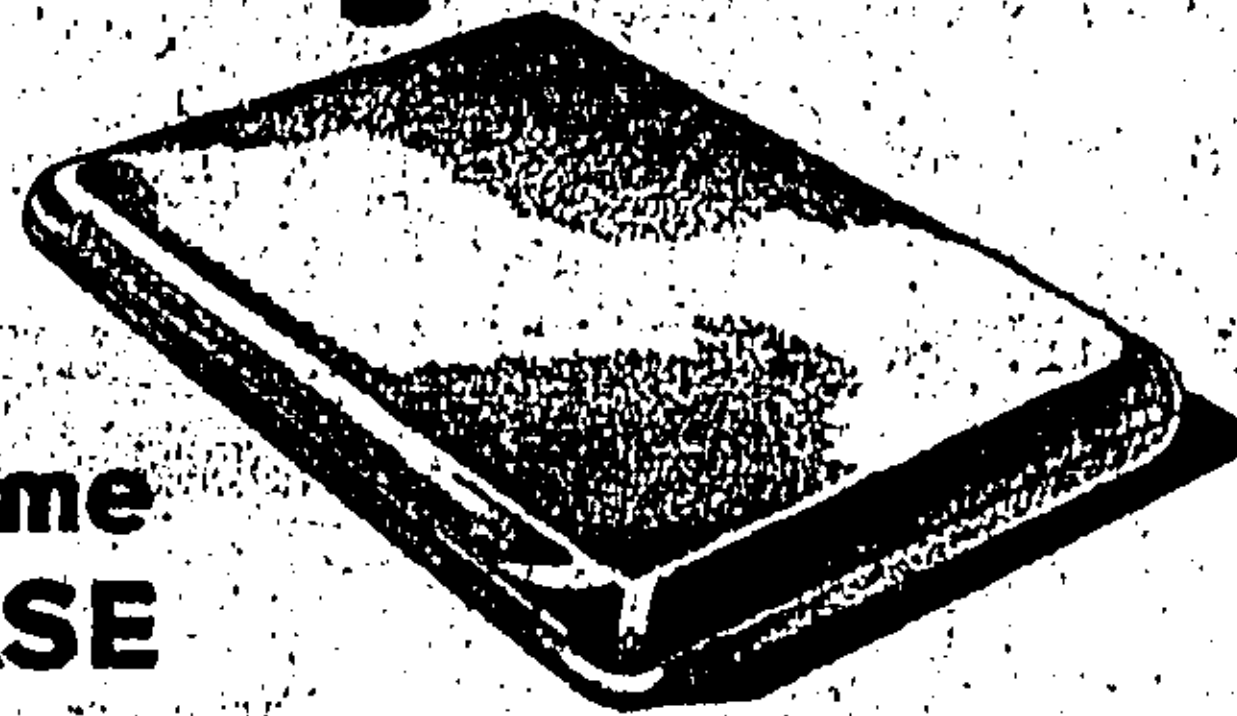
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GERMANY TAKES PLACE OF FRANCE

Prague, Yesterday.
The establishment of a permanent German military mission in Prague is reported to have been one of the matters discussed in the German-Czech talks in Berlin to-day.
From 1919 until the recent crisis, the only foreign military mission in Czechoslovakia was that of France.

BARCELONA DOOMED

(Continued from Page 1)
operating in the region of the Mediterranean coast north of Tarragona occupied last evening the town and port of Vendrell, seventy-two kilometres from Barcelona.

Two loyalist companies were cut off from the main body of the retreating forces and surrendered.

The fall of Vendrell and Igualada means that the Nationalist forces have broken through the chain of natural defences on their way to Barcelona, from which they are now separated by the comparatively low-lying plain of Villa Franca, although Barcelona itself is protected by a range of hills.

The Nationalist front now runs in a straight line from Igualada to Vendrell, and has thus been reduced to a distance of only forty-five kilometres.—Trans-Ocean.

OUTNUMBERED FIVE TO ONE

Barcelona, Yesterday.
The "Daily Express" correspondent confirms the fall of Igualada, but stresses that the whole of the fighting was borne by Italians and Moors, and that the defenders put up a magnificent show despite the fact that they were outnumbered by five to one.

Insurgent losses are estimated as at least two to one.

ADVANCE QUICKENS.

Lerida, Yesterday.
The Nationalists entered Igualada last evening and are now only twenty-six miles from Barcelona.

During the day General Franco's armies moved implacably eastwards over Barcelona Province.

The concentration of artillery fire reduced to silence the few batteries left to the Republicans, and though much has been heard of the iron belt of Republican defences in certain sectors, they seem either dreams of Republican supporters or to have crumbled before the tanks and under batteries.

The Nationalist advance has quickened to an average rate of seven miles a day—a rate which should bring them within gun range of Barcelona early next week.—Reuter.

SPANISH APPEAL IN PARIS

Paris, Yesterday.
The Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, received yesterday afternoon the Spanish Republican Ambassador, Senor Pascua y Martinez, with whom he had a long conversation on the situation in Catalonia.—Trans-Ocean.

DEATH

SETH.—At the War Memorial Hospital on Saturday, January 21, Harold SETH, aged 37. The cortege will pass the monument on Monday, January 23, at 6.15 p.m.

FOLLOW ON IN WELL-NIGH HOPELESS BACK TO THE WALL POSITION

Durban, Yesterday.

Ernie Paynter, whose batting has been a feature of the M.C.C. tour of South Africa, to-day completed his 1,000 runs for the tour and broke the record for the highest score in Tests between England and South Africa, established by Jack Hobbs.

Paynter, whose overnight score was 197, went on to score 243 before being dismissed, and thus beat Hobbs' record of 211, set at Lord's in 1924, by 32 runs.

Paynter and Walter Hammond just failed by three runs to equal the record partnership of 245 established by Frank Woolley, of Kent, and R. E. S. Wyatt, of Warwickshire, at Manchester in 1929.

England declared with Paynter's dismissal this morning at 459 for four wickets.

Paynter and Hammond resumed the M.C.C. innings which stood at 373 for two wickets, this morning in dull and threatening weather on a wicket unaffected by slight overnight rain.

The English skipper sent Gordon's first ball to the boundary, and reached his century in 169 minutes, hitting thirteen 4's.

Hammond was caught by Mitchell in the slips off Gordon for 120, after hitting sixteen 4's. (395 for 3). He scored 21 out of 22 while in this morning.

The partnership had realised 242 in 178 minutes, three short of the record for the series of 245 by Woolley and R.E.S. Wyatt at Manchester in 1929.

Paynter reached his 200 out of 293 (hitting eighteen 4's), and when 212 beat the highest individual score in Tests between England and South Africa, previously held by Jack Hobbs, who scored 211 at Lord's in 1924.

RAPID SCORING

The 400 went up after 335 minutes, and Paynter when 223 completed his 1,000 runs in the tour.

After scoring another 20, Paynter edged a rising ball into Mitchell's hands at slips of Langton. (469 for 3). He had been batting for 333 minutes and had hit twenty-five 4's.

When Hammond declared, Ames was 27 not out.

England this morning scored 96 runs in 55 minutes.

South Africa opened with Mitchell and van der Byl, and at lunch had scored 34 without loss. Mitchell was 16 and van der Byl 16.

ROT SETS IN

The crowd had increased to 11,000 after lunch. Mitchell sent Verity to the boundary to hoist the 50 after 63 minutes, but was then caught by Ames off Edrich for 30. (67 for 1). He had been at the wicket for eighty minutes and had hit three 4's.

Van der Byl was run out for 28 (61 for 2) through a smart return by Gibb from square leg. He had batted for eighty-five minutes and had hit two 4's.

The rot then set in. Nourse was caught by Hammond low in the slips after some juggling with the ball, off Farnes for 0. (65 for 3), and Rowan left with no addition to the score.

Dalton played on to Wilkinson for 12 (79 for 5), and eight runs later Viljoen fell to another fine catch by Hammond in the slips for 2. (87 for 6).

Tea was taken with the score 97 for 6.

EASY PACED WICKET
The wicket was easy paced and was only slightly assisting the spin bowlers.

QUESTIONS FOR CHVALKOSKY

Berlin, Yesterday.

The Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Chvalkosky, arrived here this morning and returns to Prague to-night.

He is having a conversation with the Nazi Foreign Minister this morning, and will possibly see Hitler later. Hitler may show him round the new Chancellery.

It is expected that Dr. Chvalkosky will be asked in the course of the conversations regarding recent articles in the Prague press which, according to the "Berliner Tageblatt," contained "reactionary remarks."—Reuter.

Japanese warships yesterday entered the harbours of Yulin and Hoihow, Hainan, and dropped anchor, states a Chinese message from Hoihow.

STOP PRESS

The "Sunday Herald" deeply regrets to announce the death last evening of Mr. Harold SETH, a prominent figure in local business circles and a brother of Mr. J. Hennessy SETH, principal of Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming.

The late Mr. Seth, who was 37 years of age, was taken ill only three days ago. Death was due to pneumonia.

The deepest sympathy will be extended to the widow, who was married comparatively recently, during a visit to the late Mr. Seth paid to the United States.

CUP TIE SHOCK FOR LEEDS

London, Yesterday.
The following were the results of League, F. A. Cup and Scottish Cup matches played to-day:—

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Bristol R. 4 Exeter 1
Clapton 2 Aldershot 0
Ipswich 2 Northampton 0
Port Vale 1 Watford 2
Reading 0 Newport 1
Swindon 2 Crystal P. 2
Torquay 3 Bristol C. 1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Barrow 1 Barnsley 2
Crewe 7 Carlisle 1
Hull 2 York 1
Hull 4 Lincoln 2
New Brighton 0 Oldham 1
Rochdale 0 Wrexham 0
Rotherham 2 Gateshead 2
Southport 4 Darlington 1

F. A. CUP (FOURTH ROUND)

Notts. C. 0 Walsall 0
Portsmouth 2 W. Bromwich 0
Wednesday 1 Chester 1
Middlesbrough 0 Sunderland 2
Liverpool 5 Stockport 1
Wolves 5 Leicester 1
Everton 3 Doncaster 2
Blackburn 4 Southend 2
Birmingham 6 Chelmsford 2
Millwall 2 Grimsby 2
Leeds 2 Huddersfield 2
Cardiff 0 Newcastle 0
Preston 2 Aston Villa 2
Chelsea 3 Fulham 3
West Ham 3 Tottenham 3
Sheffield U. 2 Manchester C. 0

SCOTTISH CUP (FIRST ROUND)

Huntly 1 Motherwell 8
Edinburgh 3 Stranraer 3
Kilmarnock 6 Berwick 1

RANGERS

Falkirk 5 Brechin 0
Clyde 2 St. Johnstone 0
Leith 0 Airdrie 2
Raith 0 Rangers 1

AMATEURS

Forfar A. 0 Hibernian 4
Blairgowrie 3 Dumbarton 2
King's Park 5 Babcock and Wilcox 5

ALLOA

Queen's Park 4 St. Cathbert 1
Wanderers 1
Burntisland 3 Celtic 8
St. Mirren 7 East Stirling 0
Boness 1 Hamilton 4
Dundee 2 St. Bernard's 0
Duns 4 Girvan 1
Dundee U. 2 Shussumuir 1
East Fife 1 Monrose 1
Cowdenbeath 3 Partick 2
Queen O.S. 1 Arbroath 1
Aberdeen 1 Albion 1
Nithdale 5 Buckle Thistle 2
Dunfermline 5 Morton 2
Third Lanark 8 Clachnacuda 2

HEARTS

14 Penicuik 2

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL

England 3 Wales 0
(At Twickenham).—Reuter.

[No correction had been received up to 3.30 a.m.—Ed.]

Surprise Visit Of Ciano To Berlin

Berlin, Yesterday.

A visit of the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, to Berlin is expected in the course of January, according to political and generally well-informed quarters.

Count Ciano, it is learned, will arrive in Berlin on January 28 for several days' stay in Berlin, where he will discuss with German statesmen current foreign political issues.

The visit would follow immediately that of the German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, to Warsaw, where Herr von Ribbentrop is going on January 25.

Since, as in previous years, the Reichstag will assemble at the Berlin Kroll Opera on the anniversary of the Nazi revolution on January 30, where Hitler will make a speech, it is believed likely that Count Ciano will be present at this meeting of the Greater German Reichstag, the first to be attended also by deputies of Sudeten territory. Nothing is to be learnt regarding the possible contents of Hitler's speech, as he never gives any advance indications to that effect. It is, however, believed that the speech will deal more with domestic than with foreign politics.—Trans-Ocean.

I.R.A. OUTRAGES CHECKED?

London, Yesterday.
Although the utmost vigilance will be maintained the authorities are hopeful that the recent campaign of "bomb" outrages associated with Irish Republican extremists has been effectively checked.—British Wireless.

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